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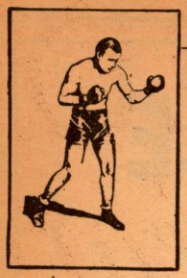

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In Our Next Issue

The die has been cast. We are in a world war. Boxers, as in the past, have flocked to the colors in droves. From flyweights to heavyweights, big men, little men, giants of the roped square—they are all ready for the battle that will mean the finish of the Hun and the Jap.

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The Louis-Buddy Baer fight, with many interesting action scene fights and a digest of the contest by Nat Fleischer, will be one of the issue's features.

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LOUIS NAMED *The Fighter of the Year*

Heavyweight Champion Ranked Tops — Wins on All Counts, Including Award of Merit

By NAT FLEISCHER

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JOE LOUIS, heavyweight champion of the world and one of the greatest pugilists of all time, is the 1941 winner of THE RING Magazine's Fighter of the Year award. Second ranking goes to Billy Conn, whose effort to wrest the title from Louis this past Summer was frustrated. Third place belongs to Freddie Red Cochrane, the new welterweight champion.

Designation as the most valuable boxer in the world, by a system of ratings which combines ring accomplishment, influence on the sport and public relations, is not a new experience for Louis. Joe achieved the No. 1 spot first in 1936. He was the Fighter of the Year again in 1938 and 1939 and now makes the top rung for the fourth time in six years. The award was originated in 1928, with the naming of Gene Tunney.

The decision that Louis is the standout of the pugilistic company for 1941 was reached by 202 sports writers specializing in boxing, from all sections of the United States, as well as Canada and Latin America.

Until four years ago, this magazine awarded the prize by vote of the members of its own staff. But since then the annual designation, as well as the ratings of fighters on what they accomplished during the past year, have been arrived at by a canvass of the largest body of experts considering the achievements of a vast body of competitors.

The 1941 Fighter of the Year contest produced its surprises. One of them was the fine showing of Cochrane, who took an early lead. Louis piled up 98 votes. Conn got 36, and Cochrane 23.

Fourth place was won by Ray Robinson, Negro 140-pounder now resident in New York, with 12 votes.

Georgie Abrams, Washington middleweight, who was beaten by Tony Zale not so long ago, got the fifth place award with a total of 10 votes.

Sixth is Bob Montgomery, Negro lightweight from Philadelphia, with 9 votes. Seventh position was won by Bob Pastor, New York heavyweight, with 8, and eighth place went to Tony Zale, the new middleweight champion, with 6 votes.

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1936—Joe Louis
1937—Henry Armstrong
1938—Joe Louis
1939—Joe Louis
1940—Billy Conn
1941—Joe Louis

Joe Louis, who receives highest award boxing can give him.

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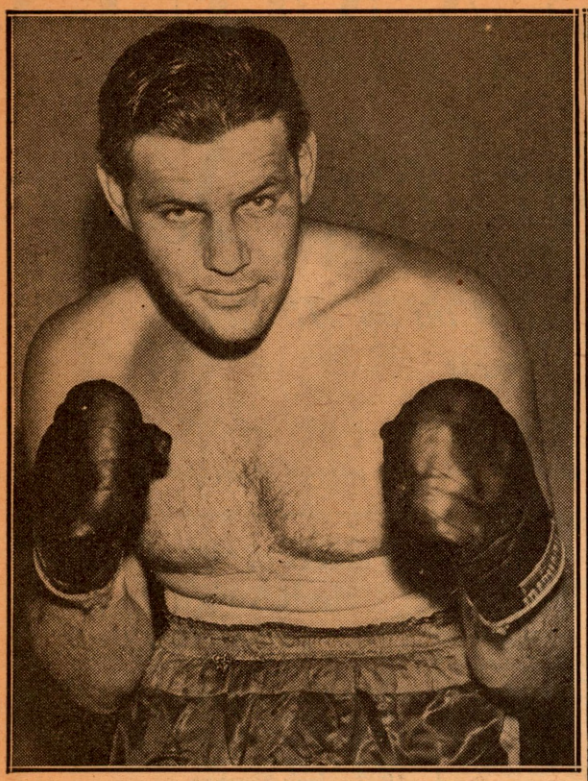
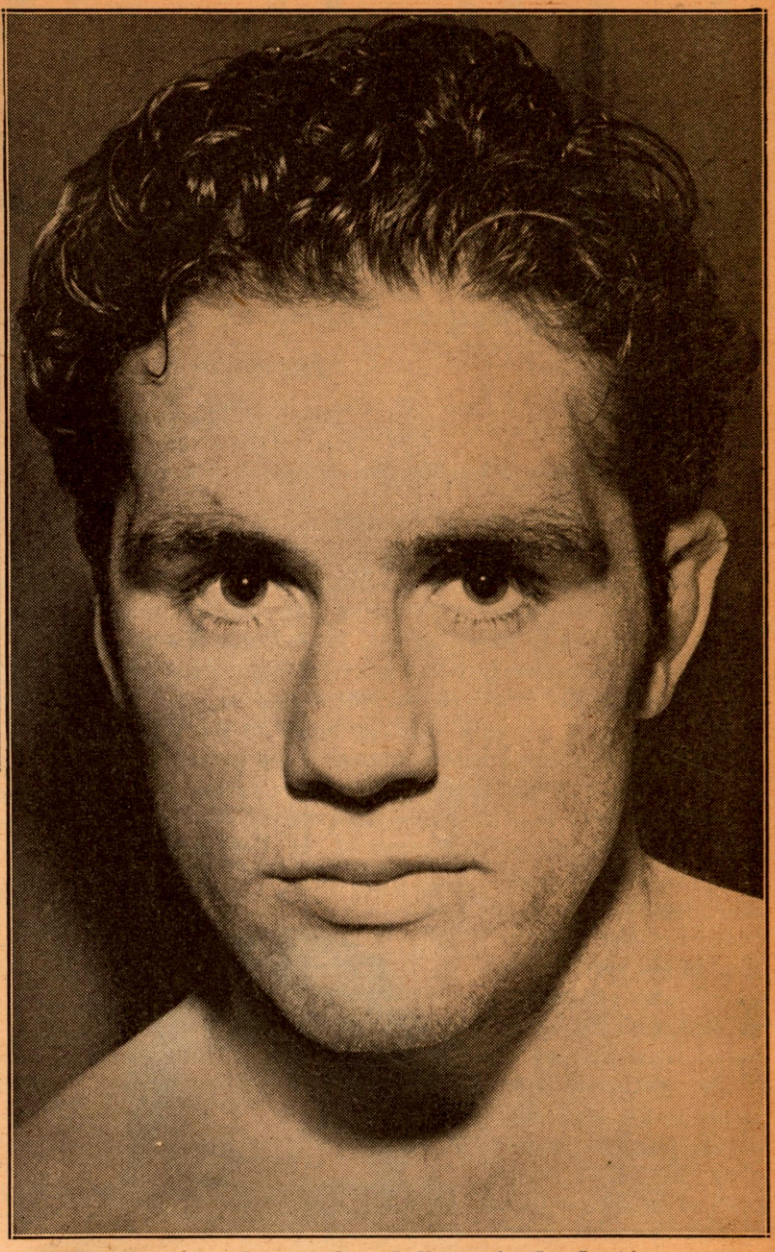
NO other boxer figured in the contest for the top rung. But a split of the Fighter of the Year ballots among as many as eight, with the winner getting so overwhelming a total as 98 votes out of 202, was an especially interesting and remarkable development.

Frankly, THE RING Magazine staff was surprised by the tremendous victory for Joe Louis.

Had the basis for the award been nothing more than achievement in competition, Louis would



Buddy Baer, who leads Group 3 ahead of Bettina.



Billy Conn, named outstanding challenger for Joe Louis' crown.

have piled up an even more formidable total. But accomplishment in the ring was just one of five factors which the 202 experts considered in making their decisions. Here are the essentials in the Fighter of the Year competition. The winner must be:—

1—Foremost in his contribution to the skill and the science of the sport. He need not be a champion.

2—Outstanding in combining with his fine position in the ring, a high place as a sportsman.

3—A leader in maintaining splendid public relations, and beating down the persistent effort to discredit boxers as citizens.

4—Foremost in associating with boxing skill and good public relations, a reputation for clean and moral living.

5—Salient as an example to the growing American boy.

With these five points in mind, the ranking committee gave Louis a 62 vote bulge over Billy Conn, who came so close to taking the title from Joe in spite of a handicap of 25½ pounds—199½ to 174.

The Ring had looked for a reduction of the Louis vote, and a strengthening of the Cochrane position, through considerations having to do with the national service.

After having taken the welterweight championship from Fritzie Zivic, a 12 to 1 favorite, Cochrane, who in The Ring's ratings of his class for 1940 had been placed no higher than No. 39, enlisted in the Navy and got a service rating of Boatswain's Mate, First Class at Newport, Rhode Island, with duties involving coaching our sailors in boxing.

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LOUIS started the year as a 3A man in the draft. Then came a re-classification which made the champion at once eligible for service. At this writing Louis is not yet in the army. He is waiting for a call from his draft board.

However, the fact that he has been touring army camps, giving exhibitions; the fact that he has been a credit to his race as a champion; and that his knockout of Billy Conn was the No. 1 achievement of the year in boxing, combined to offset considerations about the draft which ordinarily would have reduced Joe's vote drastically. Joe undoubtedly will soon be in the army.

While Cochrane made a splendid showing, coming out of nowhere at all in 1940, to No. 3 in the Fighter of the Year contest for 1941, The Ring expected him to press Louis and Conn more closely. Not only did Cochrane enlist in the service, but he followed his triumph over Zivic with a knockout of Lew Jenkins, the lightweight leader.

To Louis goes not only the Fighter of the Year award, which carries with it a handsome plaque, but the top spot in the technical ratings of the boxers who performed through 1940.

At the head of the heavyweight division, Louis stands in a class by himself, the champion of champions, the man who has taken them on, one after another, the title-holder supreme and unafraid, the most active heavyweight king in the entire history of boxing. His defense against Conn was his nineteenth since he took the title in 1937 from Jimmy Braddock.

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IN placing Louis in a class by himself, The Ring has accorded to the heavyweight king a distinction which it has given to only one other fighter—Chalky Wright, the featherweight leader—for 1941.

The year saw Louis defend his championship no fewer than seven times—something hitherto unheard of. Here is the compila-

Joey Maxim, former Golden Gloves champion from Cleveland, who made great headway in first year as a pro.

tion of this amazing series of disposals of all the contenders for the title:—

January 21, New York—Knocked out Red Burman, 5 rounds.

February 17, Philadelphia—Knocked out Gus Dorazio, 2 rounds.

March 21, Detroit—Stopped Abe Simon, 13 rounds.

April 8, St. Louis—Stopped Tony Musto, 9 rounds.

May 23, Washington—Won in seven rounds, from Buddy Baer.

June 18, New York—Knocked out Billy Conn, 13 rounds.

September 29, New York—Knocked out Lou Nova, 6 rounds.

There have been champions and champions, but who among them ever approached the activity which Louis showed in 1941, and his rare willingness to give every heavyweight with any pretense to a chance, a crack at the title?

In seven defenses during the year, Louis went into 55 rounds of fighting, in only two of which—the twelfth with Conn and the first with Buddy Baer—was he in jeopardy.

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THOUGH Conn fought only one great fighter during the year, his showing against Louis induced the rating committee to place him at the top of the class immediately under Joe, in which Billy's company consists of Lem Franklin and Bob Pastor.

THE RING'S ratings fail to accord No. 1 spots to two recognized champions—Lew Jenkins, of the lightweights, and Lou Salica, of the bantams. There is no official title-holder among the flyweights.

In the lightweight section, THE RING has given top rating to Bob Montgomery, of Philadelphia, who beat Jenkins in an overweight match and who, it believes, would have won from Jenkins had the title been at stake.

Jenkins is rated no higher than third in his division, with Sammy Angott second.

In the bantamweight division, the rankings show champion Salica no better than third. Kui Kong Young, of Hawaii, is ranked tops with Manuel Ortiz, of Los Angeles, second.

In the flyweight section, top position has been accorded to Jackie Patterson, of England, over Little Dado, of the Philippines, and Luis Castillo of Cuba. Patterson is the only foreign fighter to achieve a No. 1 rating in any class.

Five world champions are rated the No. 1 men of their classes. They are—Heavyweight, Joe Louis; light-heavyweight, Gus Lesnevich, Cliffside, N. J.; middleweight, Tony Zale, Gary, Indiana; welterweight, Freddie Cochrane, Elizabeth, N. J.; and featherweight, Chalky Wright, Los Angeles, California.

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IN presenting the rankings, this magazine wishes to explain that they are based on actual performance during the year 1941.

The rankings do not take into consideration what happened in 1940. Nor do they attempt to gaze into the future and try to dope out what may occur in 1942.

The extensive job done in the ratings which accompany this article were founded on records for 1941. This magazine maintains the most complete card index system on boxers to be found anywhere in the world, and when the ratings are compiled, these records are matched against each other without regard for anything except justice, the truth, actual class and recognized performance.

After having compiled the ratings, THE RING discovered that these were the features of 1941 in world boxing—

1—The Fighter of the Year was Joe Louis.

2—The most active standout boxer, Joe Louis.

3—The most surprising accomplishment of 1941 was Freddie Cochrane's victory over Fritzie Zivic, to give the New Jersey welterweight the title over a 12 to 1 favorite.

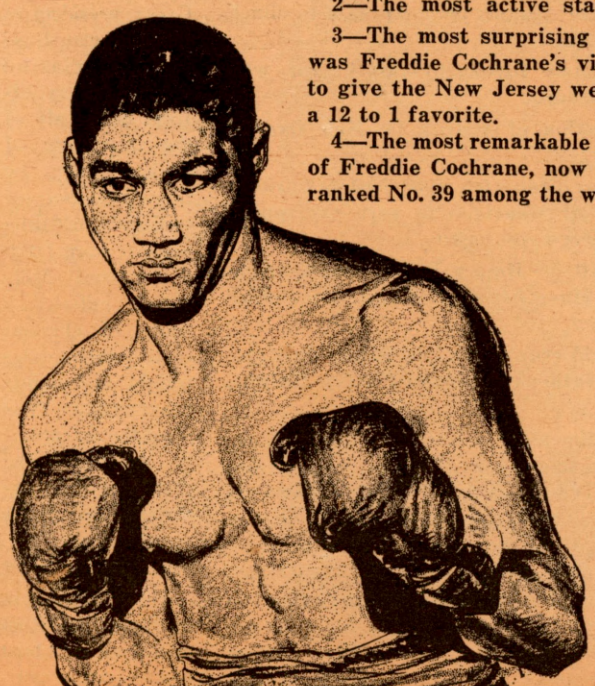
4—The most remarkable jump in ranking was that of Freddie Cochrane, now rated No. 1, and in 1940 ranked No. 39 among the welterweights.

5—The thrills of the year—Billy Conn's staggering Joe Louis in the twelfth round and Buddy Baer knocking Joe Louis out of the ring.

6—The thrill fight of the year was Joe Louis' meeting with Billy Conn.

7—The Rounds of the Year honors were split between the twelfth and thirteenth of the Louis victory over Conn and the first in the Louis tilt with Baer.

8—Biggest disappointments of the year



Lem Franklin, whose rise to fistic fame was one of the big features of the year.

LOUIS-CONN ROUNDS TOPS FOR YEAR

THE RING'S annual award for the round of the year must be split between the last two sessions of the Louis victory over Conn. Billy staggered Joe in the twelfth, Joe knocked out Billy in the thirteenth. Here is the story of those two hot rounds:—

TWELFTH ROUND

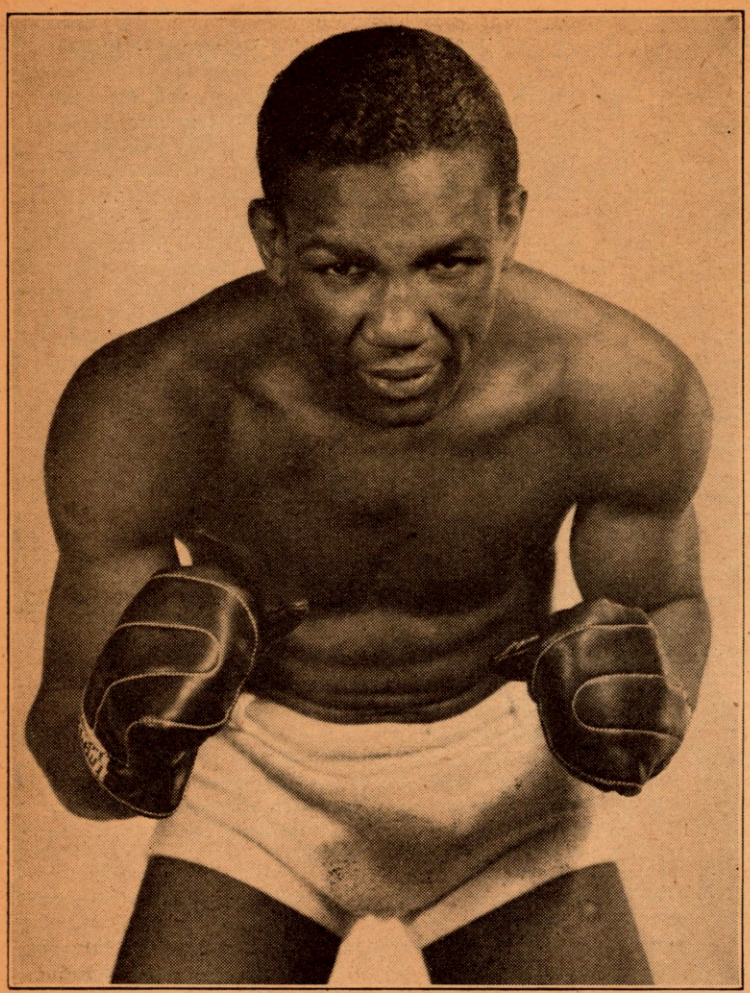
Louis jabbed a left to the face. Louis was short with a right for the head. Joe sent a right to the face and Billy hooked a left to the body. At close range, Conn sent a left to the head and a left to the body. Louis hooked a left to the face. They exchanged lefts to the head. Conn drove a long right to the face.

Conn hooked two lefts to the head and centered his attack on the body. Conn staggered Louis with lefts and rights to the face. Conn drove both hands to the head and Joe held. Conn got in a left to the face at the bell.

THIRTEENTH ROUND

Conn sent a right smash to the head. Louis jabbed a left to the face. Louis sent a right to the head. Conn drove a left hook to the head. Louis shot a right to the head. Louis drove both hands to the head. Joe took a heavy assault on the head. The challenger ripped both hands to the face in a steady stream with hardly a return. Louis shot a hard right to the jaw and staggered Conn.

They traded rights to the head. Louis shot two rights to the chin. He drove two lefts to the head. The champion floored Conn with a two-fisted smack to the head. Louis won by a knockout. The time of the round was 2 minutes 58 seconds.



Chalky Wright, world featherweight king, who, with Louis, is rated in a class by himself.

were Lou Nova against Louis, who knocked him out in the sixth round; and Al Hostak against Ken Overlin.

9—The rise of Lem Franklin whose quick knockout of Abe Simon climaxed a steady climb.

10—The defeat of Georgie Abrams by Tony Zale to clinch world middleweight honors.

11—The knockout of Jimmy Bivins, by Bob Pastor, who made the year's best comeback.

12—The splendid exhibition of boxing by Ken Overlin when he put Al Hostak to rout.

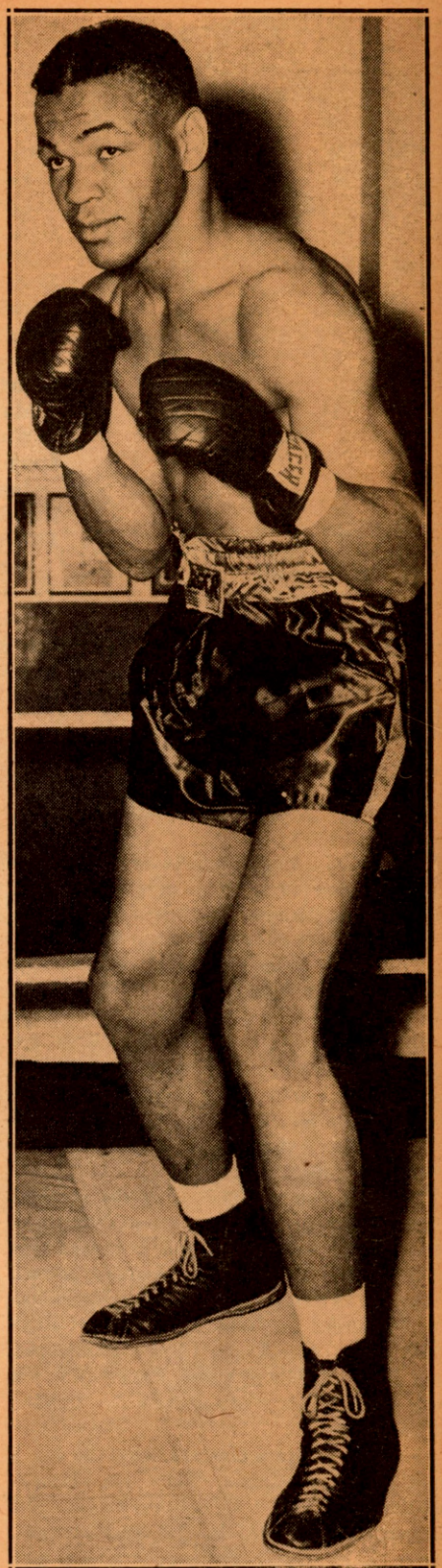
13—The victories of Gus Lesnevich over Anton Christoforidis and twice over Tami Mauriello to gain undisputed possession of the light-heavyweight title.

14—The sudden downfall of Jimmy Webb, whose triple knockout at the hands of Mose Brown was the outstanding reversal of form of the year.

15—The winning of world crowns by Lou Salica, bantamweight; Joey Archibald, featherweight and Chalky Wright, featherweight.

The Ring wishes to acclaim those boxers who went into the national service, among the more prominent ones being Gene Tunney, Freddie Cochrane, Tommy Tucker, Georgie Abrams, Al Nettlow, Marty Servo, Cal Cagney, Frank Poreda, Tommy Gomez, Red Green, Fred Apostoli, Petey Sarron, Mike Raffa, Patsy Giovanelli, Sunny Simon, Al Reid, Billy Conn and Nathan Mann.

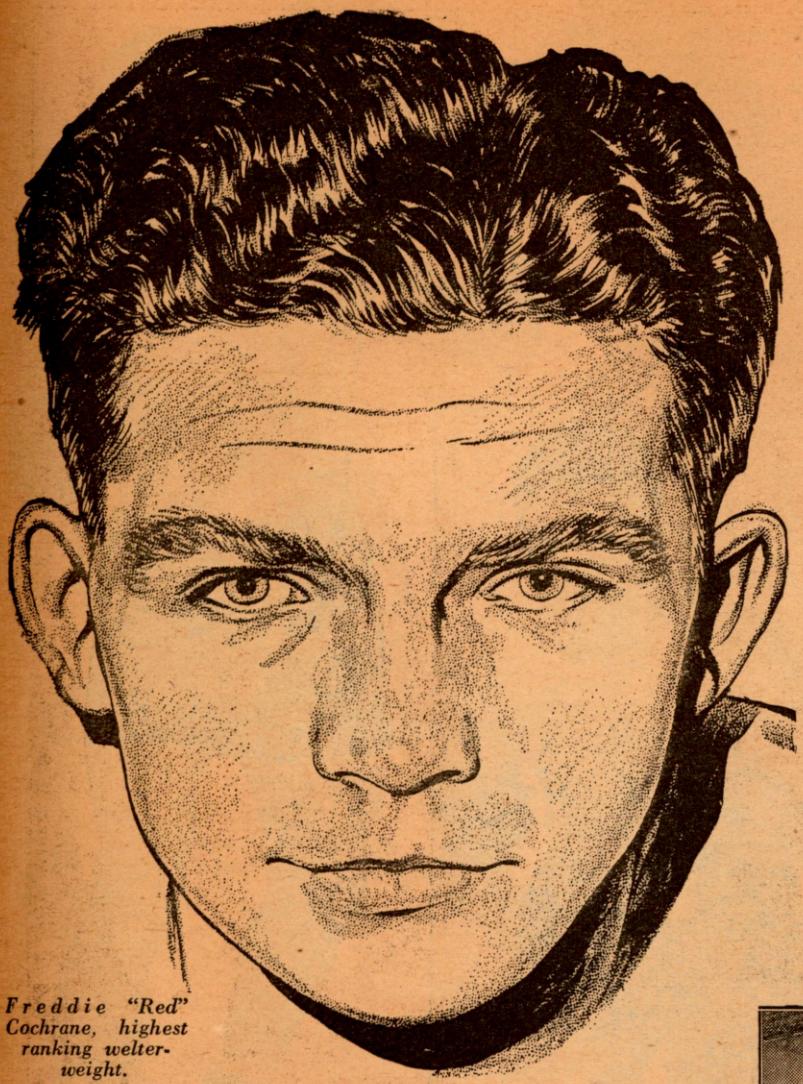
This list by no means is inclusive. But to those unnamed and to those mentioned, the thanks of the sport as well as the appreciation of the public are due. Cochrane, enlisted in the Naval Station at Newport, is the second champion of boxing history to go into voluntary service for the nation. Mike O'Dowd, in 1918, was the first. He was the middleweight king at the time.



Booker Beckwith, ranked second best light-heavyweight.

A GREAT contribution to the sport in 1941 was made by Abe Green, president of the National Boxing Association whose tireless efforts on behalf of the restoration of boxing order, by the elimination of sectional world title-holders, bore fruit. Green and Mike Jacobs initiated a series of eliminations in the middleweight and light-heavyweight divisions that eventually ended in the crowning of an undisputed world title-holder. Because of their efforts, the middleweight section, for the first time since 1931, has only one king, the leader of his entire domain.

While boxing in some sections of the country, primarily the northwest and Rocky Mountain districts were at a standstill so far as professional bouts were concerned but strong in amateur shows, most of the country found the sport gaining in popularity and in interest. Particularly was this true in the East, where more clubs staged shows regularly in 1941 than at any time in the last five



Freddie "Red" Cochrane, highest ranking welterweight.

previous years. The sport is definitely on the upgrade.

Of course this was largely due to the large concentration of sports followers in munitions plants territories. The south and southwest gained a lot also, with New Orleans and Texas setting the pace. With army camps doting those districts, new clubs were launched which did enough in receipts to keep the wolf from the door.

While there were several hundred more boxers in the field in 1941 than in 1940, the calibre was exceptionally poor. Whereas when this annual feature was inaugurated, in 1924 and for many years thereafter, it was a simple task to select ten outstanding fighters at the end of each year, it now has become a difficult one. It is a tough assignment to select five good men in each division now.

Billy Soose, No. 3 among the middleweights.

In fact, our records show that there aren't more than six outstanding world boxers in the combined eight divisions from flyweight to heavyweight—men who could stand the best in other years—Louis, Ray Robinson, Bob Montgomery, Lem Franklin, Chalky Wright and Jackie Wilson of California.

Billy Conn is a fine fighter, but cannot be classed an outstanding or great one. He leads the field of white boys. He has everything a great fighter should possess but the punch.

FRANKLIN, Conn's nearest rival, like Louis, is a terrific hitter and is rugged enough to absorb punishment. The only thing he lacks is stamina and he'll acquire that as he progresses in his chosen profession. He tires too rapidly, but he'll overcome that handicap. The heavyweight field today is the poorest the sport has had in years. The same may be said of all other divisions. In the light-heavyweight, there is a new crop of hard hitters who may revive that division.

In the last named class, the year saw the rise of a number of good boys, but good as they are, they don't class with the talent displayed a few years ago. There isn't a great fighter in the entire lot. The best in the group are Booker Beckwith, Mose Brown, Anton Christoforidis, Tami Mauriello and Jimmy Bivins. All are good fighters, but not of the scintillating type.

And so down the line we go. We find more talent developed, more activity in all divisions, but a far poorer crop than we had only a few years back.

In addition to the outstanding features of the year enumerated elsewhere, here are a few interesting developments during 1941:

1—The best non-heavyweight fight of the year—Zale vs. Abrams in Madison Square Garden for middleweight title. Won by Zale.

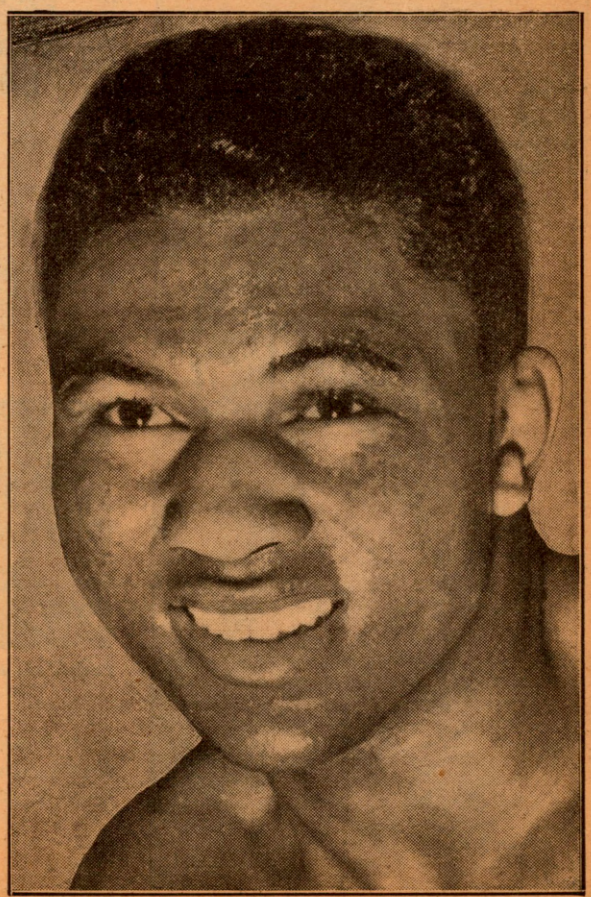
2—Most punishing non-heavyweight fighter of the year—Zale, who leads as a body puncher.

3—Best all-around fighter in lighter divisions—Ray Robinson.

4—Biggest gate—Louis vs. Conn—$451,743.

5—Biggest individual money maker—Joe Louis—$471,892.86.

6—Greatest number of knockdowns in one round—Larry Bolvin against Jackie Harris, October 15, Fall River—nine in sixth round.



Bob Montgomery, world's outstanding lightweight.

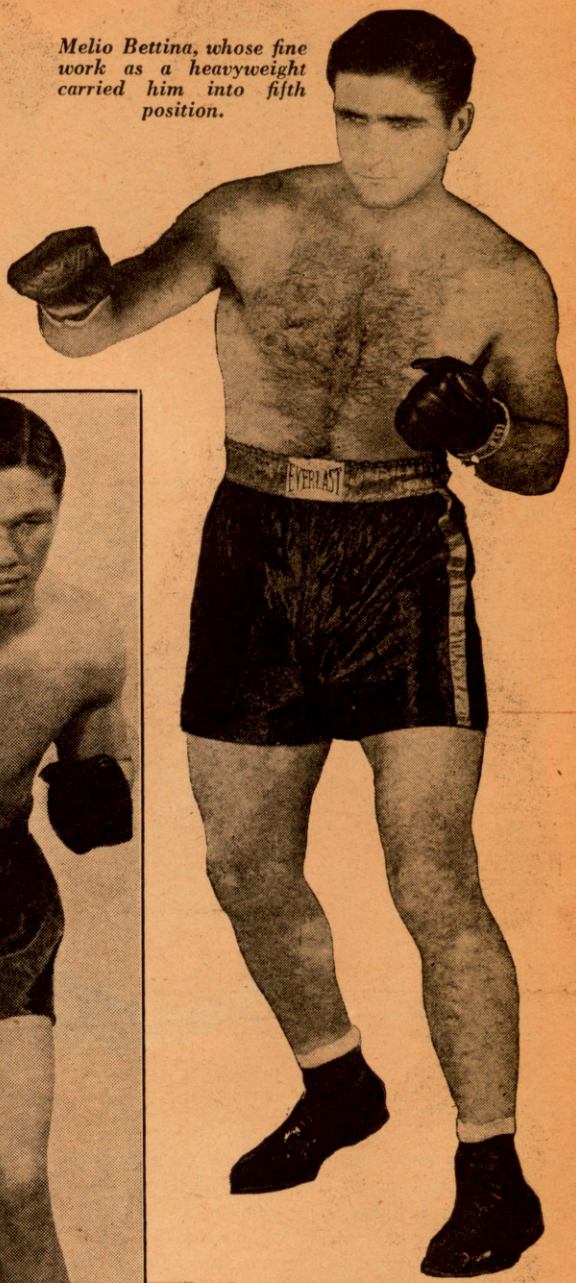
LOOKING over our ratings for 1941, we make the startling discovery that only two of the fighters placed at the top of their divisions last year were able to retain their positions. They are Joe Louis, heavyweight; and Jackie Patterson, flyweight.

Last year Conn was rated tops in the light-heavy section and Lesnevich second. With Conn's entry into the heavyweight division, Lesnevich has taken over in the light-heavy class. To Conn goes the distinction of being the standout contender in boxing, the big challenger for the heavyweight crown. His great stand against the Brown Bomber earned him that honor. Even though knocked out, the fact that the official score cards of most scribes and the judges and referee showed Billy in the lead when the fatal thirteenth round got under way, makes him the outstanding contender.

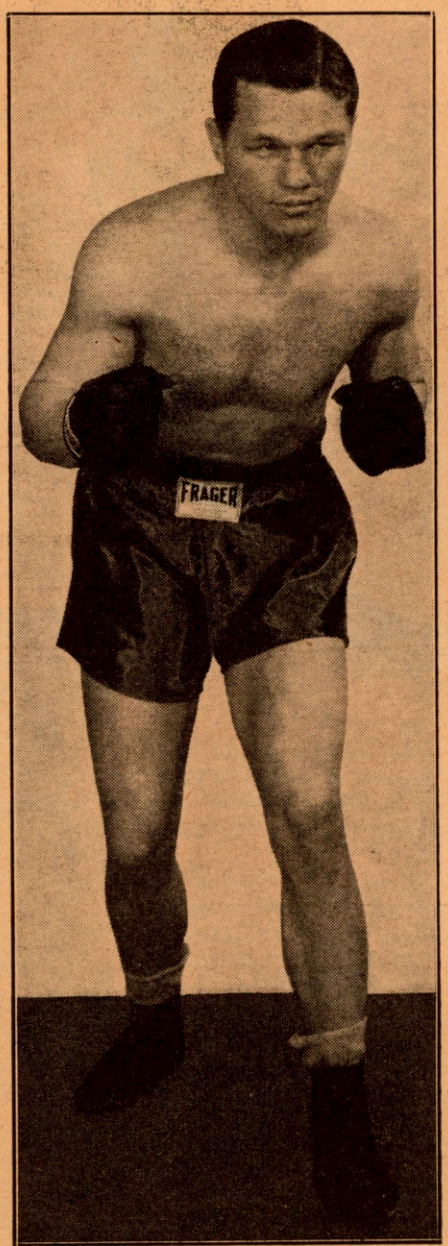
Where Tony Zale held down second position in Group I in 1940, behind Ken Overlin and above Billy Soose, this year we find Tony the outstanding middleweight with Soose and Overlin, who late in the year retired from the division to enter the higher bracket, occupying third and fourth place respectively, behind Georgie Abrams, our second choice.

Although Soose and Overlin asked to be rated as light-heavyweights, neither did any work in that division. They each confined all their efforts to the middleweights, even when Ken beat Hostak and Mose Brown, hence for 1941 they belong in that class.

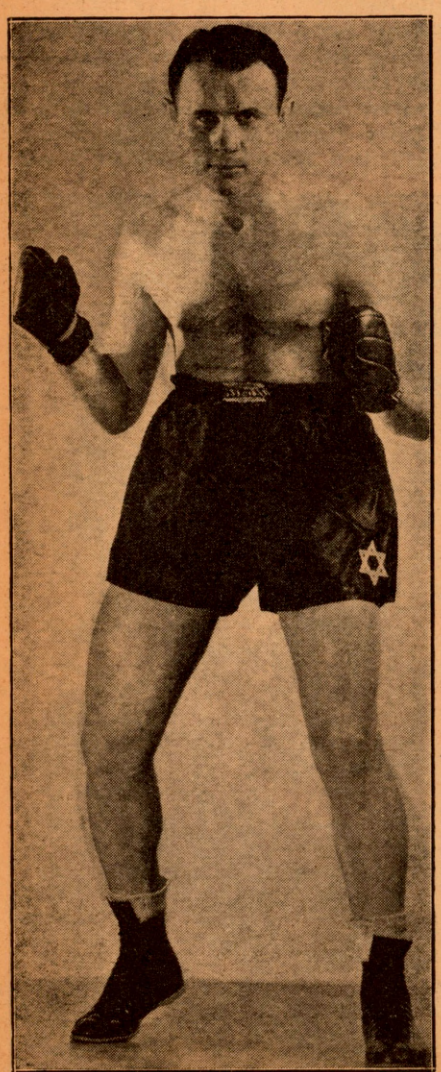
Freddie "Red" Cochrane jumped into the welterweight championship and by coming through with a clean slate for the year, with outstanding victories over Fritzie Zivic, whom he dethroned and Lew Jenkins, gained the highest honors in his class.



Melio Bettina, whose fine work as a heavyweight carried him into fifth position.



Tony Zale, the Gary, Indiana, middleweight, who heads his division.



Georgie Abrams, second best world middleweight.

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RAY ROBINSON, Negro from New York, voted among the standout performers of the year the best all-around fighter under Louis, likewise leaped into prominence by taking down second choice in a close run with the title-holder, his rise being almost as spectacular—from nowhere to world fame. Jackie Wilson, of Los Angeles, who fights both as a light and a welter, is our third choice rating above Zivic. Wilson has been fighting above the lightweight limit, hence is rated as a welterweight in third place.

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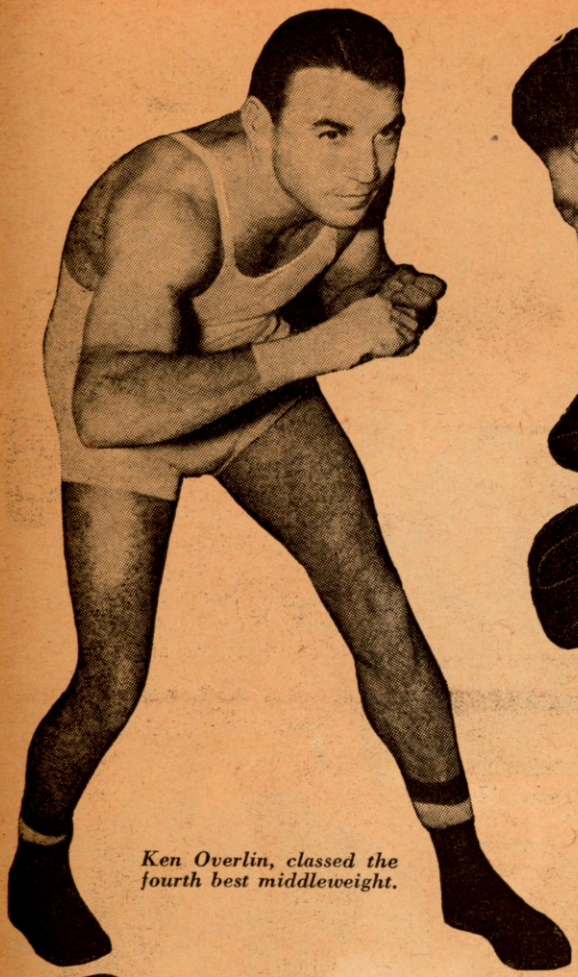
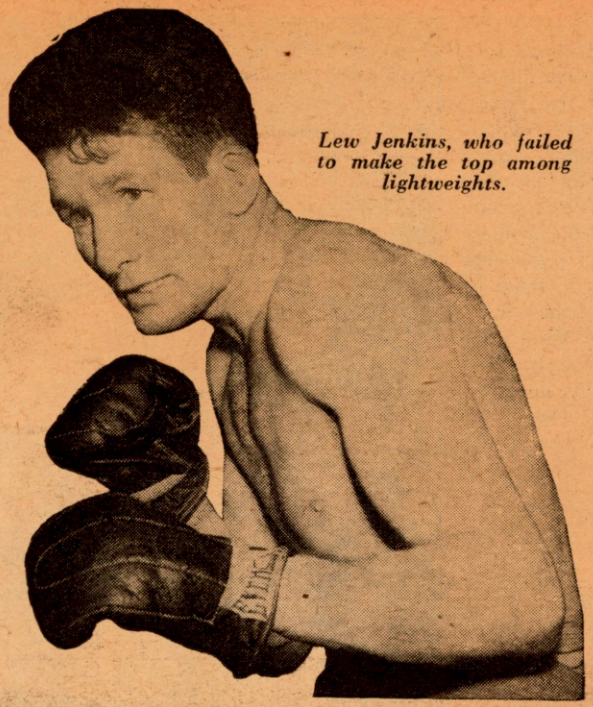
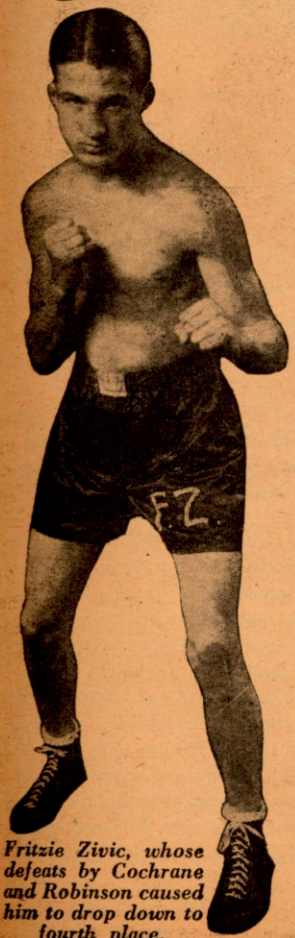
IN the lightweight group, Bob Montgomery, another flashy Negro, defeated Lew Jenkins and knocked out Davey Day among his fourteen victories. His record is the best in his division.



Ken Overlin, classed the fourth best middleweight.



Lew Jenkins, who failed to make the top among lightweights.



Fritzie Zivic, whose defeats by Cochrane and Robinson caused him to drop down to fourth place.

Chalky Wright, got such an overwhelming vote over his rivals that he was placed in a group by himself, with Jackie Wilson, the N.B.A. featherweight king and Richie Lemos, from whom he won the title and defeated a second time, heading the second group in that order. Pedro Hernandez and Harry Jeffra, rated third and fourth respectively.

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TWO champions failed to make the grade in the annual ratings—Jenkins in the lightweight class and Salica in the bantams. Salica, because of his poor showing in Hawaii, where he was twice defeated, gives way to Kui Kong Young of Honolulu and Manuel Ortiz of Los Angeles in the bantam class. After clinching his right to bantam honors by defeating the outstanding contenders, Salica's prestige dropped considerably as the year came to a close when he fought in overweight matches. Probably at the weight he could whip those who beat him, but being defeated in bouts in which he and his opponents scaled only a little over the limit must be considered in rating him. This practice should be halted. The champion often as in Salica's case, fails to give his best because he knows that his crown is secure. He therefore must be penalized as was done in Salica's rating. As for Jenkins his playboy tactics did him no good. His performances as a champion were exceptionally mediocre.

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THE only division in which a foreigner holds the upper hand over an American subject, is in the flyweight, which as in the past, is ruled by Europeans. Despite the war, England has furnished the bulk of the candidates for this division. Jackie Patterson, a repeater, holds down first choice with a considerable lead over Little Dado, the California and N.B.A. champion.

Dado has been fighting both as a bantam and a flyweight, scaling between 111 pounds and 116, but he can make the flyweight and wants to be rated in that class. He lost two fights during the year, both to bantams—Kui Kong Young and David Young. Dado is the best at his weight in the U. S., but Patterson is the better all around-fighter.

Patterson, even during these hectic war times, engaged in ten contests and won nine, his only defeat being against a good lad, Jim Brady, in 15 rounds, the same boy who beat Nel Tarleton, British feather king. Most of Patterson's fights were against bantams, yet he carried off the honors. He scored six knockouts and proved himself the king of the gamecocks.

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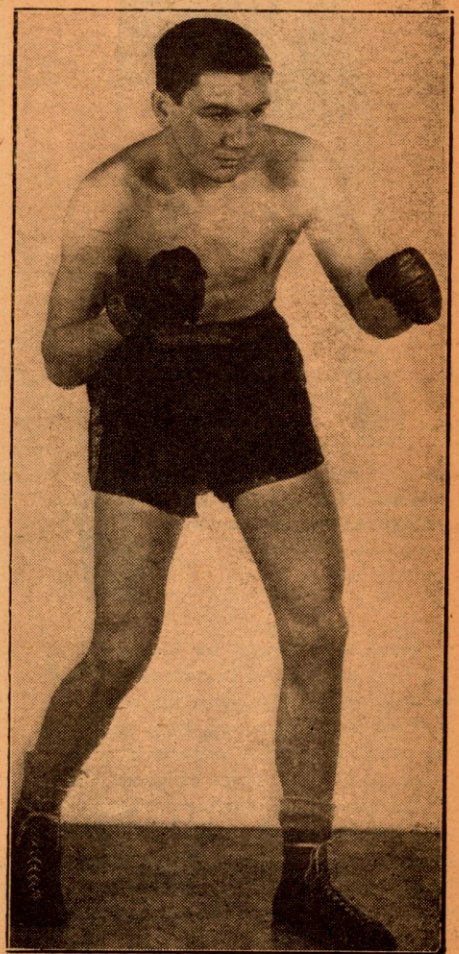
IN placing Joe Louis in a niche by himself, THE RING Ranking Board bestowed on the Brown Bomber an honor accorded only to



Tami Mauriello, who, despite defeats at the hands of Gus Lesnevich, gained a high spot in the light-heavyweight division.

Chalky Wright. Behind Louis, three are pretty well matched—Billy Conn, Lem Franklin and Bob Pastor. While it is true that Conn fought only one outstanding heavyweight, Joe Louis, his great performance against the Brown Bomber, in which the officials had him well in the lead up to the time that he was knocked out in the thirteenth round, give him the edge on his rivals, none of whom fought as tough an opponent as Louis. Conn clashed with Ira Hughes, Dan Hassett, Gunnar Barlund and Buddy Knox, and scored knockouts in each bout.

Franklin and Pastor engaged in a neck and neck contest for second choice, but Lem got the nod because of his more spectacular record against the same type of talent that Pastor met. Bob, who made the most impressive comeback of any fighter of the year, twice whipped Turkey Thompson—his outstanding performances. His other opponents, except Booker Beckwith, were ordinary. He stopped Mike Alfano in six rounds; won over Buddy Scott in ten, over Johnny Flynn in ten and stopped Al Delaney, the Canadian champion who doesn't rate high. Then he wound up by taking a thrilling ten rounder from Booker Beckwith, a good light-heavyweight.

There is little to choose between Bob and Lem, but the choice must go to the Negro because of his fine knockout record and his one outstanding feat, the victory in five rounds over Abe Simon, at the time considered as a fit opponent for Joe Louis and a ranking heavyweight. Simon outranked any of the men who faced his team mate, Pastor. Lem stopped Tony Musto in two rounds and knocked out Jimmy Bivins, in nine and Eddie Simms in seven. Most of his eleven opponents were of better calibre than the seven who faced Pastor.

Bivins, a good light-heavyweight, about on a par with Beckwith, was hammered into submission by Lem while Beckwith, dropped three times by Pastor, went the route. Bob couldn't put him out. While it took Louis thirteen rounds to stop Simon and nine to halt Musto, Franklin did the trick in five and two respectively. Thus Lem's record excels that of Pastor and he gets the nod.

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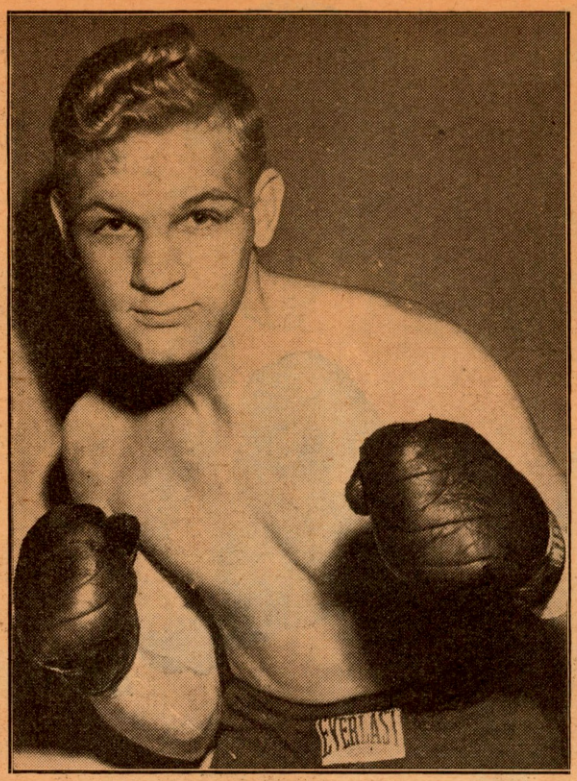
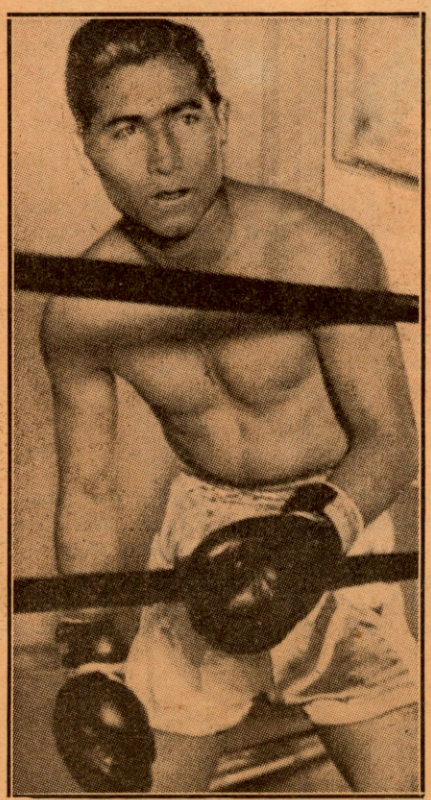
THE best climb in the heavyweight division was made by Melio Bettina, who after his defeat by Anton Christoforidis in the N.B.A. light-heavyweight championship tournament, decided to vacate that sector for the higher one and won seven bouts in a row. He stopped Herbie Katz in nine; Buddy Knox in 5; Jack Marshall in 9; and won from Red Burman in 10; Pat Valentino, 10; Sonny Boy Walker in 10; Jimmy Bivins in 10 and beat the tough Harry Bobo in 10. The Bobo victory was by far his best and showed that the one time claimant to light-heavyweight honors will do as a heavyweight contender. His record as a heavyweight entitles him to fifth place among contenders, with Buddy Baer ahead of him.

Buddy Baer, who received a big vote for fifth place, rests his claim for a high ranking position as leader of group No. 3 solely



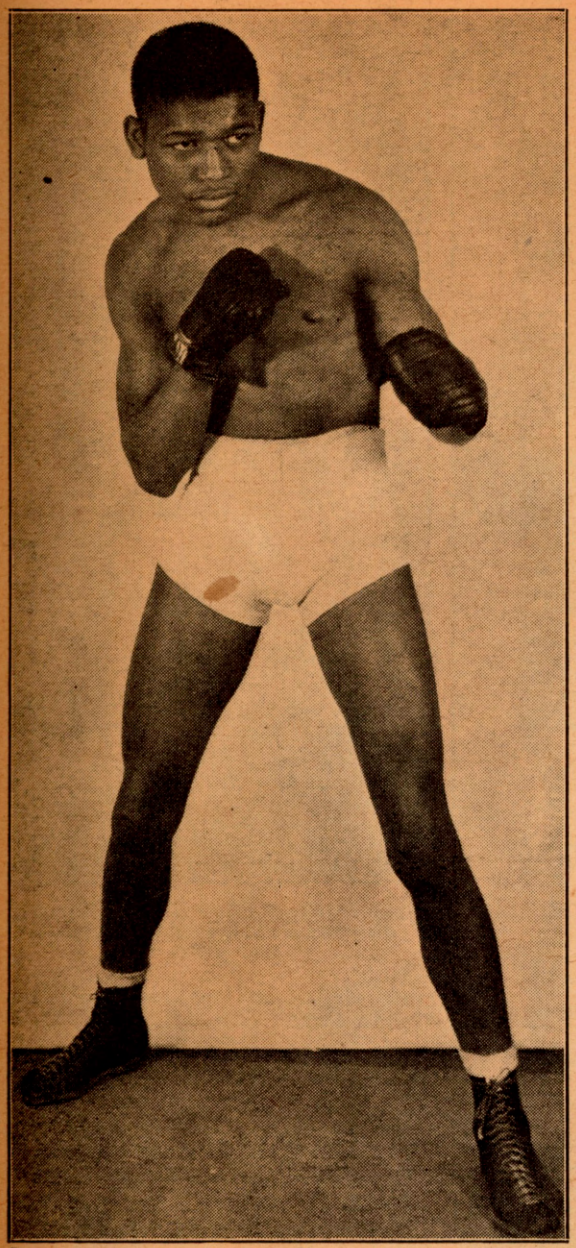
Young Kid McCoy, Detroit's welterweight threat.

Anton Christoforidis, the third ranking light-heavyweight.

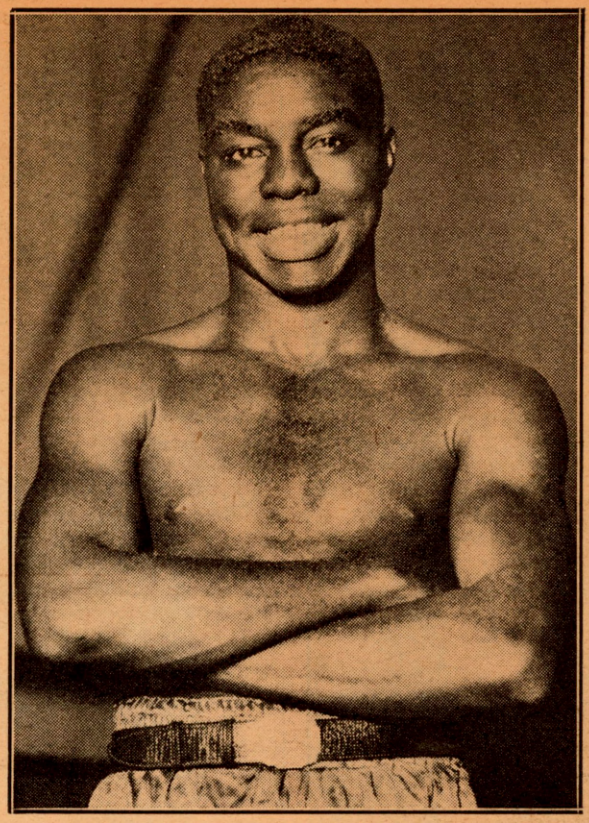


Carlos Chavez, California bantam, who finished the year with only one defeat, that at the hands of Manuel Ortiz.

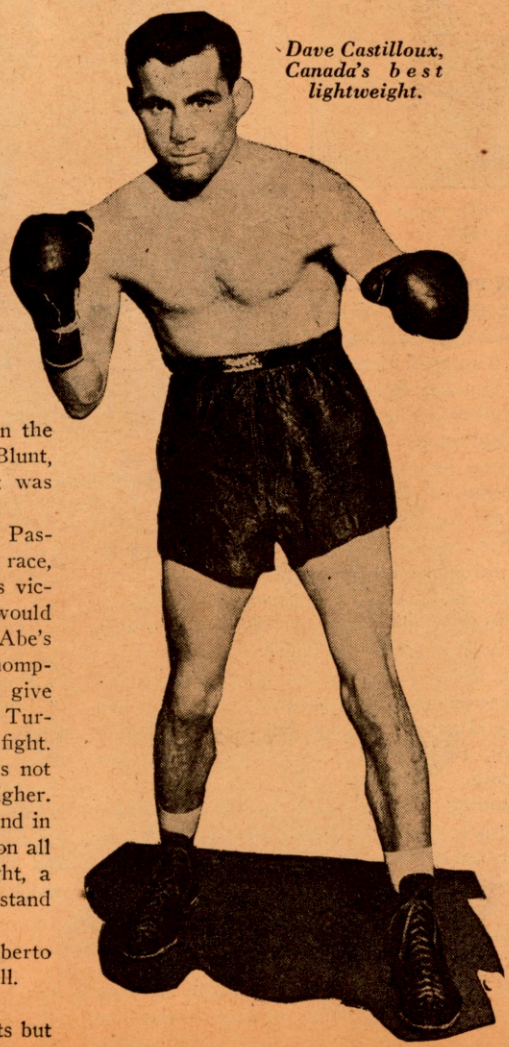
Sammy Angott, who receives high post as a lightweight.



Ray Robinson, classed as best all-around fighter of the year.



Jackie Wilson, rated third best welterweight for 1941.



Dave Castilloux, Canada's best lightweight.

on the fact that he knocked Joe Louis through the ropes in the first round of their championship fight. He lost to Eddie Blunt, beat Galento and was stopped by Louis, but his one feat was greater than any accomplishments of those rated below him.

Had not Turkey Thompson lost twice in decision bouts to Pastor, his draw with Abe Simon when Abe was well up in the race, and his knockouts over Buddy Knox and Neville Beech, his victory over Tommy Martin and his draw with Tony Musto would have gained him a place over Simon in the ratings, but Abe's record for the year, despite an early setback by Big Jim Thompson, and his recent knockout at the hands of Franklin still give him the edge over Thompson, with Lou Nova rating behind Turkey because of Lou's miserable performance in the Louis fight.

Harry Bobo follows Nova. He has a fine record but has not met sufficient good opposition to enable us to place him higher. Out of twelve bouts, he lost to Bettina, was stopped by Poland in 8 rounds but stopped Poland in a return engagement, and won all his other contests. Max Baer, though he lost his only fight, a thriller, to Nova, is our seventh choice because of his fine stand in that bout.

Roscoe Toles is next in line by virtue of his victory over Alberto Lovell and a draw with Godoy after Godoy had lost to Lovell.

Then come the two South Americans.

Group 4 is headed by Tony Shucco who won his four bouts but was idle most of the year unable to obtain contests. Buddy Walker, Lee Savold, Red Burman, Freddie Fiducia and Buddy Knox make up the section.

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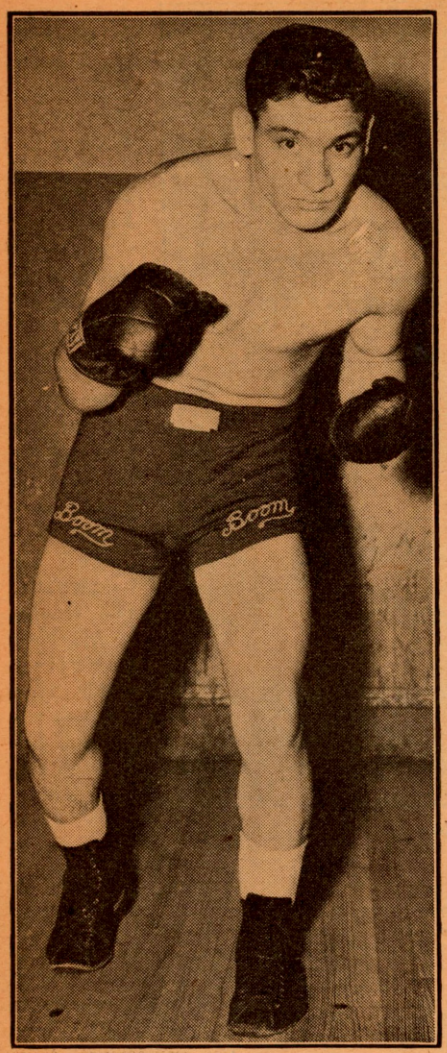
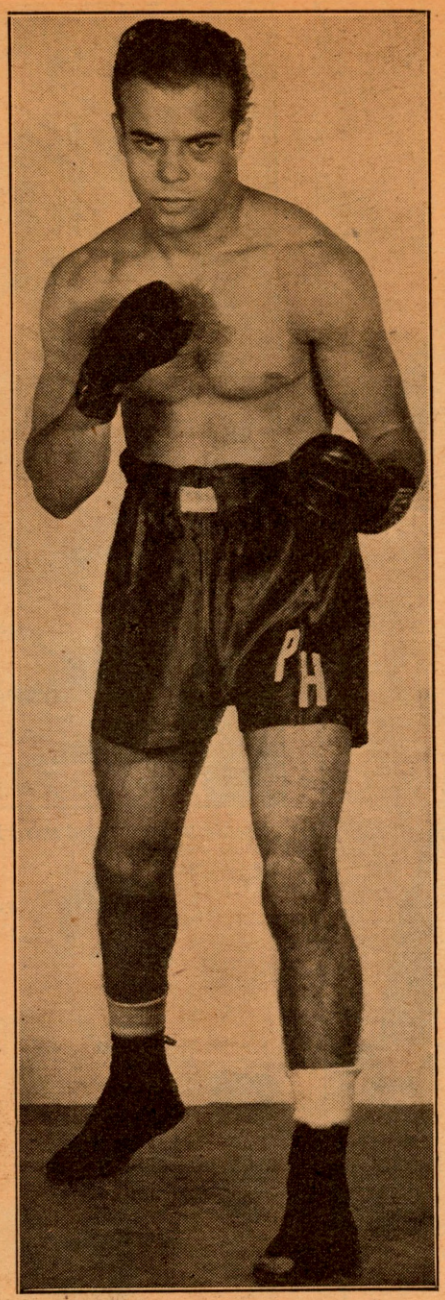
THE light-heavyweight drawing finds Gus Lesnevich followed by Beckwith, who, though he has been mingling with the heavyweights, belongs to the lighter division. His best performance was against Red Burman over whom he won in ten rounds, but he was dropped three times by Pastor and was almost stopped. Yet his hitting and general ring work bring him high as a light-heavyweight. He beat Erv Sarlin, in 6; stopped Altus Allen in 2; Paul Frazier in 1; Lee Oma in 2; Nash Garrison in 1 and beat Solly Krieger in 10.

Behind Booker, comes Anton Christoforidis, the Greek star whose only losing fight was to Gus Lesnevich in the final of the N.B.A. and New York State championship elimination bout. The fact that he eliminated Bettina in that tournament, knocked out Romero and Colonello and won from the tough Ceferino Garcia in a thrilling engagement, give him the nod over Tami Mauriello, whose record as a light-heavyweight was far above par.

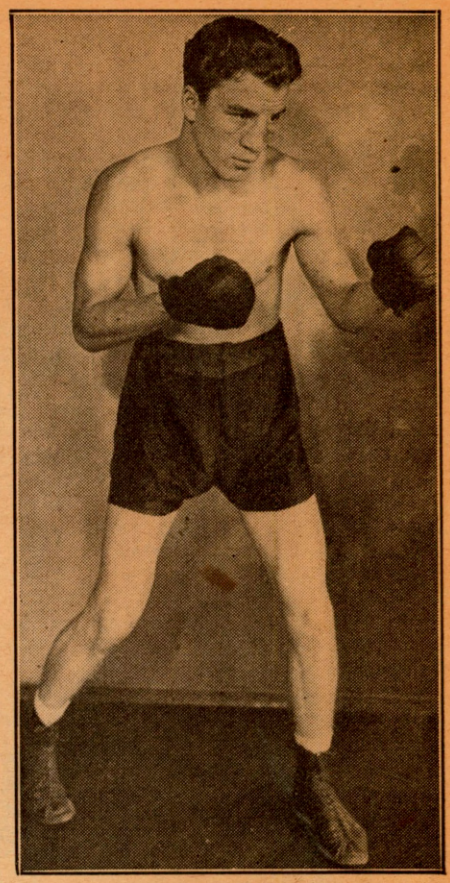
Mose Brown takes



Lenny Mancini, who made rapid strides as a lightweight.



Pedro Hernandez, flashy Puerto Rican, who gained a high position.



Tippy Larkin, Garfield, N. J., lightweight, who had a clean slate for the year.

fifth place because of his three knockouts of Jimmy Webb, a feat that came at a time when Webb was New York's choice for world honors. He also stopped Jimmy Reeves in 2 rounds, a ranking fighter; Billy Nichy in 8 but lost decisions to Ken Overlin and to George Burnette.

Although Tami Mauriello jumped during the year from the ranks of the middleweights to those of the light-heavies, and lost bouts to Lesnevich, his great stand in those title contests earned for him the high rating we allotted him, fourth in the first group with Jimmy Bivins, sensational Clevelander, finishing up that division. Tami had twelve fights and lost only to Soose once and to Lesnevich, twice, scoring kayoes in all victories.

Bivins, like Beckwith, has been taking on heavyweights, but he is a bona fide light-heavyweight. He was knocked out by Lem Franklin and lost to Tony Musto and Bettina, but won from Teddy Yarosz, Curtis Sheppard, Buddy Knox and Nate Bolden and knocked out Pete Tanapolis.

Jock McAvoy, outstanding British middleweight and light-heavyweight, is The Ring's choice as leader of Group No. 2. Despite his inactivity because of the war, he still rates high as a fighter and triumphed in his only contest, a 10 rounder with Jack Hyams. Alabama Kid is our second choice with a clean slate.

Lloyd Marshall, Californian; Tommy Tucker and Herbie Katz, New York's headliners; Joey Maxim, Cleveland's rising young star; Pat Valentino of San Francisco, and Oscar Rankins of Los Angeles, all well matched, make up the remainder of the group. Marshall lost a ten-rounder to Shorty Hogue in February and beat him in June in a return bout.

Maxim engaged in nine bouts, winning all but one to Orlando Trotter last February. He beat Bobby Berry, twice; Johnny Trotter, Lee Oma, Nate Bolden, Bill Peterson and Red Burman and kayoed Oliver Shank. Tucker lost two fights, to Freddie Fiducia in six and was kayoed by Jimmy Webb in nine rounds. Herbie Katz has been a consistent winner against some good talent.

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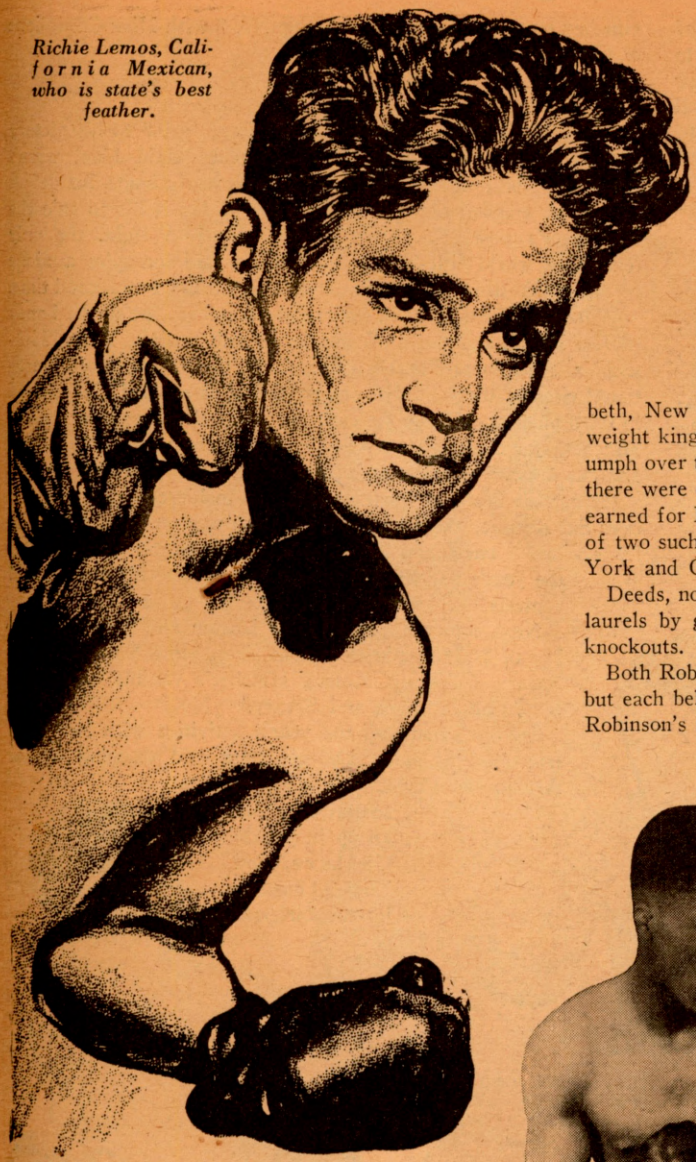
GEORGIE ABRAMS gained his high post as the world's second best middleweight, by virtue of his three triumphs over

Bobby Ruffin, who made good and should climb rapidly in 1942.



Richie Lemos, California Mexican, who is state's best feather.

Billy Soose, one, at a time when the former Penn State star was recognized as the world champion by the New York Commission, and his great stand against tremendous odds, in his championship bout with Zale. Despite total blindness in one eye from the third to the fifteenth round, he exhibited the fighting qualities of a great pugilist. Soose's triumphs over Overlin, put him in third spot with Ken behind him to close that group. The quartet comprise the four best middleweights in the world.

Coley Welch, youthful Maine fighter, came through with flying colors to gain the lead-off position in group No. 2. His best victory was the knockout in the seventh of Izzy Jannazzo, who although only a welterweight, was one of the world's best at his weight. He had thirteen fights and lost three—to Vigh, Abrams and Tony Martin.

Steve Belloise, now in the Navy; Ceferino Garcia, former holder of the crown in New York; Shorty Hogue, California's sensational middleweight, and Ron Richards, the Australian who is making a good comeback, make up the leading five in Group No. 2. Hogue engaged in twelve bouts during the year and lost only two—one to Lloyd Marshall and the other to Eddie Booker whom he beat in a return bout and also fought a draw of ten. Belloise lost to Andre Jessurun and was kayoed by Mauriello but won all of his other bouts and drew once.

Besides the quintet mentioned, the group also contains the names of Archie Moore of St. Louis; Ernie Vigh, powerful socker from Newburgh, N. Y.; Eddie Booker, San Jose, California, star; Antonio Fernandez, a clever Chilean, and Al Hostak, former N. B. A. champion, who made a sorrowful showing in his first test in New York when he faced Ken Overlin.

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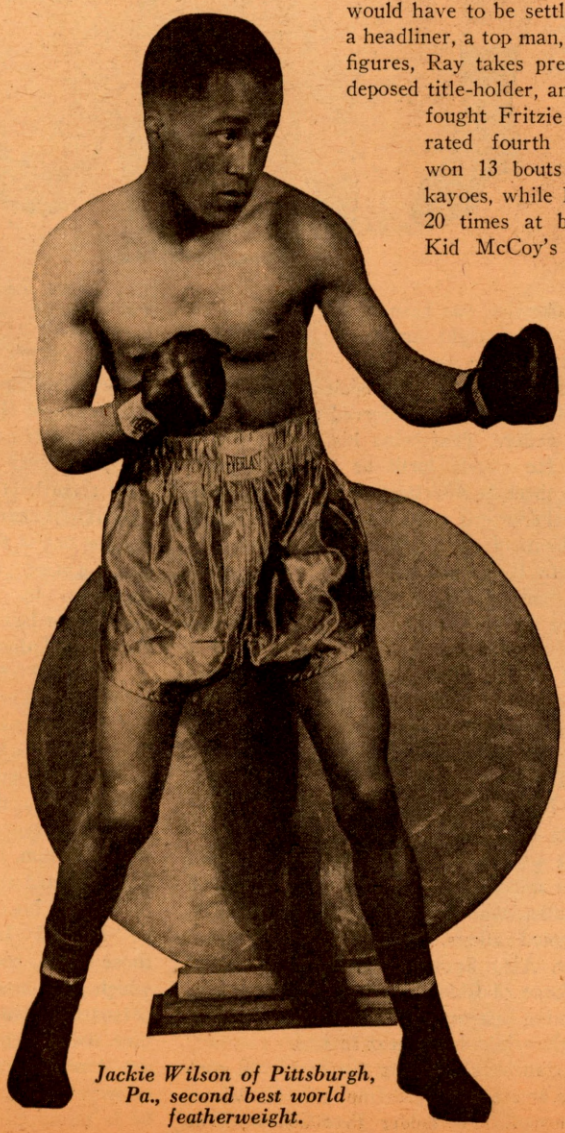
SAY what one might about the early record of Freddie Red Cochrane, one cannot in any argument, get away from the fact that the sorrel-topped sailor from Elizabeth, New Jersey, took the measure of one of the best of recent welterweight kings, Fritzie Zivic, and followed that victory with a one-sided triumph over the lightweight king, Lew Jenkins, in a handicap match in which there were only a few pounds difference between the boys. Those triumphs earned for Freddie the top rating in his class, regardless of the fine showing of two such stars as Ray Robinson and Jackie Wilson, Negroes from New York and California, respectively.

Deeds, not words count in boxing, and Cochrane proved his right to high laurels by good fighting. Cochrane had nine bouts and won all, four by knockouts.

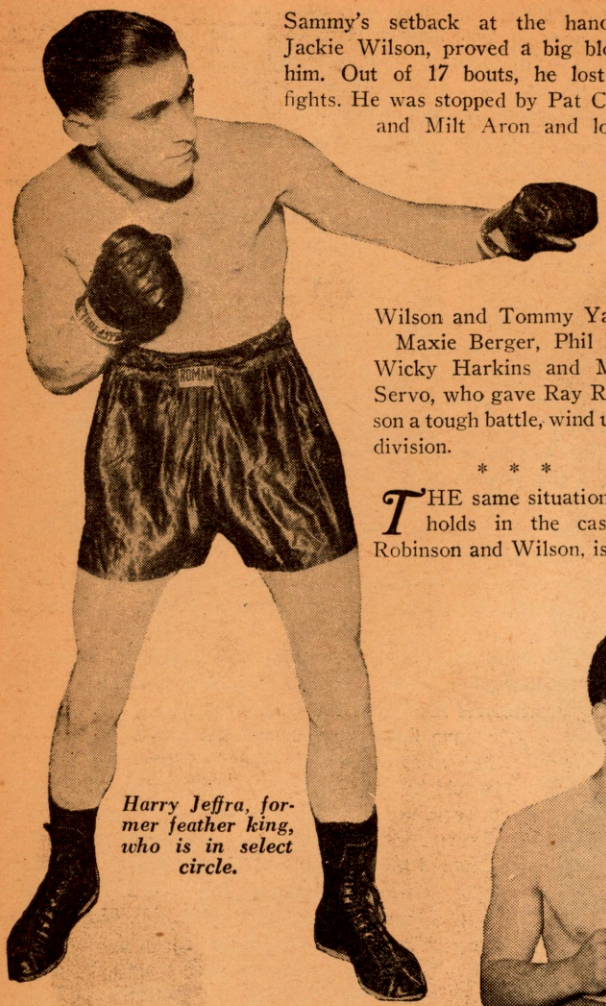
Both Robinson and Wilson have been fighting as lightweights and welters, but each belongs to the higher bracket and are so booked by their request. Robinson's string of victories made him the sensation of the year. He was among the three who made the greatest progress, but whether he is a better fighter than Wilson, would have to be settled in ring combat. Each is a headliner, a top man, but on the face of the 1941 figures, Ray takes precedence over Jackie. Zivic, deposed title-holder, and Young Kid McCoy, who fought Fritzie a draw in a hot bout, are rated fourth and fifth. Jackie Wilson won 13 bouts for a clean slate, ten by kayoes, while Robinson scored 20 wins in 20 times at bat, 15 by kayoes. Young Kid McCoy's rise to the fifth position was phenomenal. Mike Kaplan, whom McCoy recently beat; Charley Burley, a veteran who has been rated high on a number of occasions; Holman Williams, another veteran, and Izzy Jannazzo wind up the first group.



Jackie Wilson of Pittsburgh, Pa., second best world featherweight.

Group No. 2 finds two foreigners, Ernie Roderick, welter king of the British Empire, and Joe Legon, Cuban star, listed in first and second place, respectively. Roderick had six bouts, won all, three by knockouts. He is Europe's outstanding welterweight. Legon recently stopped the rising young Chilean middleweight, Fernandez in nine rounds. Joe is the best fighter at his weight in Central America. Next to Legon comes Cocoa Kid, then Al Nettlow.

Sammy Secreet, a fine Cleveland prospect, is also listed in this group.



Harry Jeffra, former feather king, who is in select circle.

Sammy's setback at the hands of Jackie Wilson, proved a big blow to him. Out of 17 bouts, he lost four fights. He was stopped by Pat Carroll and Milt Aron and lost to Wilson and Tommy Yarosz. Maxie Berger, Phil Furr, Wicky Harkins and Marty Servo, who gave Ray Robinson a tough battle, wind up the division.

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THE same situation that holds in the case of Robinson and Wilson, is true of Bob Montgomery. He, likewise, has been competing in two classes, lightweight and welter, but in a personal message to the writer, he pleaded to be left in the lighter division asserting that he could easily make the class limit and preferred a title shot in that section to one in the welters. That being his wish, he rates tops among lightweights. He stands forth as the best world lightweight and one of the three best welters. Montgomery came through with a clean slate of fourteen victories against top-notchers. He scored eight knockouts. Had the Jenkins bout been for the title, Bob would have won the crown.

Even before he whipped Jenkins, Angott had the edge on Lew, but when he relieved Lew of his world crown, he made the second place secure for himself.

Group No. 2 finds the Canadian light and welter king, Dave Castilloux, in the lead, despite the fact that his nearest rival, Lenny Mancini of Youngstown, Ohio, beat him. On the year's record, Castilloux was a more consistent performer and had much better calibre opposition. Lenny won nine of his 13 bouts and drew once. A Californian, Ray Lunny whose record shows only one defeat out of eight bouts, is a notch ahead of a Mexican, Juan Zorita. Lunny's lone defeat was at the hands of Chalky Wright. Zorita engaged in six bouts and won all, his best victory being a 10-rounder over George Latka, who fought a draw with Lunny.

A familiar face in our annual ratings, Leo Rodak, holding down fifth post, and a foreigner, Aldo Spoldi of Italy, rates behind him. Then comes Willie Joyce of Chicago.

San Jose University's boxing instructor, George Latka follows, with Eric Boon, British lightweight king, next in line.

Allie Stolz made a fine comeback, winning ten of eleven contests, his only defeat being at the hands of Jimmy Tygh, whom he later defeated. His best victory was over Pete Scalzo. That clinched tenth place for him in Group No. 2 with Nick Castiglione of Chicago following.

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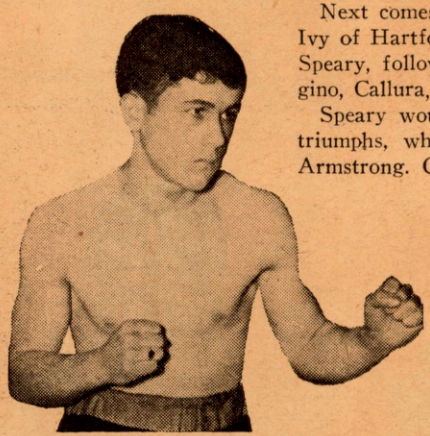
ALTHOUGH Jackie Wilson's record, prior to his victory over Richie Lemos, N.B.A. featherweight king, wasn't anything to brag about, with three defeats in six bouts, his defeat of Lemos, enabled him to hurdle many of his rivals to gain the challenger's post, No. 1, in Group No. 2. Wright, the only legitimate world title-holder, as already said, occupies a niche by himself. Wilson, in a return bout, whipped Lemos a second time.

Wilson's defeats were in overweight matches, two at the hands of Leo Rodak and the third in a bout with Wright. Pedro Hernandez, sensational Puerto Rican, made one of the most sensational rises of the year. His snappy triumphs enabled him to land in third place and Harry Jeffra lands in fourth place. Jimmy Kidd Hatcher, star Southerner with an excellent record of ten victories and one draw, was close on Jeffra's heels.

Hernandez has two splendid victories to his credit, a decision over Sal Bartolo, won at a time when Sal was well up among the leaders and a one-round kayo over Tommy Forte. He is one of the year's outstanding prospects. He lost only twice in 12 contests.

Next comes Sal Bartolo of Boston and Bobby Poison Ivy of Hartford, with two soldiers, Mike Raffa and Bill Speary, following. Among Hatcher's victims were Guggino, Callura, Pace and Speary.

Speary wound up the year's activities with two good triumphs, whipping Georgie Pace and stopping Spider Armstrong. Canada has a representative in this group in Jackie Callura, and England has one in Nel Tarleton.



Marty Servo, an Army welter, who rates among the best.

Joey Archibald, who had regained the featherweight title during the year, finished with a poor record. Defeats in overweight matches, including one at the hands of Lemos and his knockout by Wright, put him in last place in the second division.

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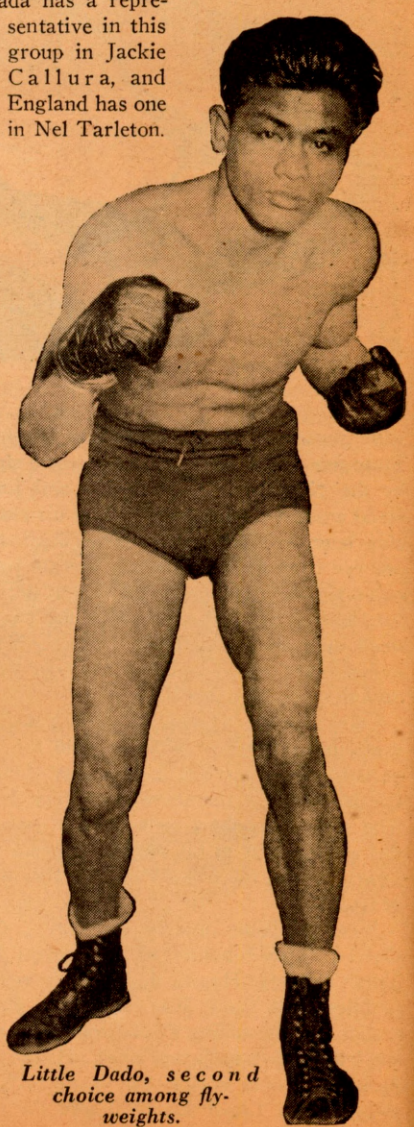
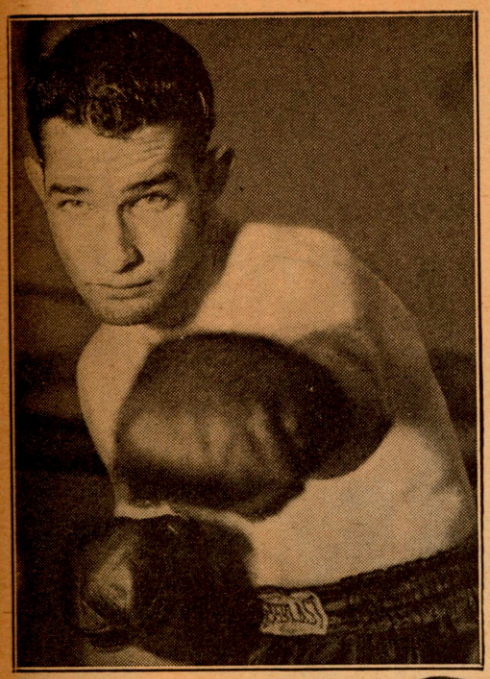
HAD Lou Salica's overweight matches, in which the poundage was slightly over the class limit, not been so disastrous for him, he would have merited the honor of heading his class, but he flunked badly in those bouts, contests in which no amount of persuasion nor monetary inducements could get him to place his crown at stake. For this he is penalized and his



Little Dado, second choice among flyweights.



Ray Lunny, one of California's best lightweights.

conquerors are placed above him.

Kui Kong Young of Hawaii, the No. 1 man, had five fights of which he won four and drew in one with Rush Dalma. He beat Little Pancho, Little Dado, twice, and Lou Salica.

Ortiz, our second choice, engaged in nine contests and had a clean slate. He stopped Dalma, Robleto, Cordoza and Lou Transparenti and won from Llanes, Maes and Grady besides getting a draw with Carlos Chavez, twice.

Salica lost three out of seven fights. He beat Tommy Forte, twice; Transparenti and Henry Hook and lost to Transparenti, Dalma and Young—not an impressive record for a champion.

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IN the flyweight class, Cuba has come to the front with a young man who seems to be headed for the top. His name is Luis Castillo. His record entitles him to be named in the first group, consisting of Patterson, Dado and himself. He beat Small Montana twice over the 12 round limit and knocked out Little Pancho in two rounds in Mexico City.

The gamecocks of the ring, as heretofore, are mostly foreigners. The only representatives from Uncle Sam's domain, are Little Pancho, Jackie Jurich and Small Montana besides Dado. Patterson, the leader of the small boys, has by far the best record of any boy his weight in the world. He easily rates tops over Dado, National Boxing Association king, the ruler in the United States of America.

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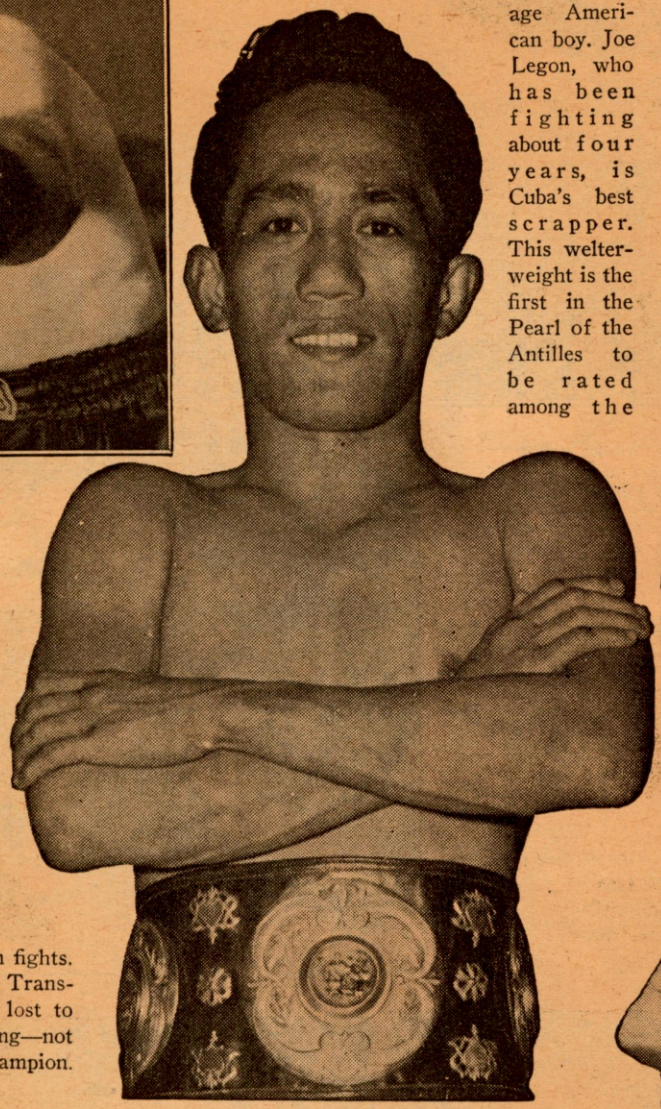
BY far the greatest progress made in boxing during the year was in Cuba, where under the able supervision of a capable boxing board and under the leadership of Col. Jaime Marine, chief of the sports department of the government, boys in every division from flyweights to middleweights came to the fore in rapid order.

Especially in the flyweight, bantam and featherweight classes in which Cuba has a group of fighters who in one year, have made the grade.

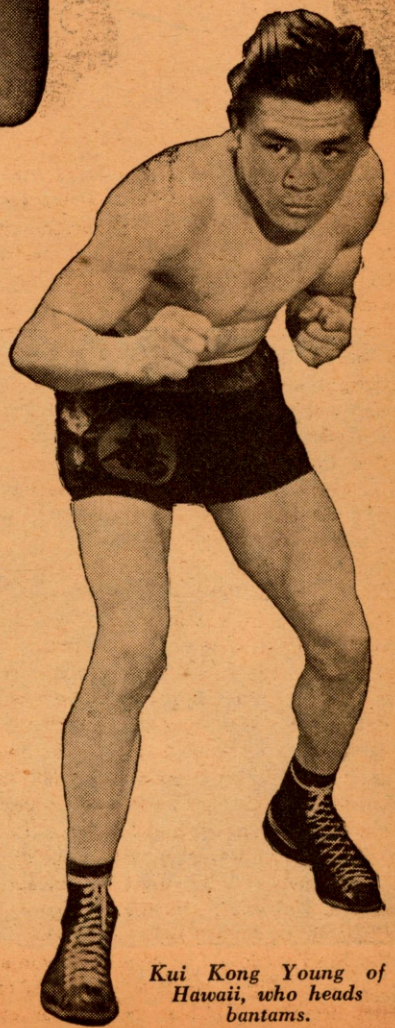
Some are listed in this issue well above the average American boy. Joe Legon, who has been fighting about four years, is Cuba's best scrapper. This welterweight is the first in the Pearl of the Antilles to be rated among the ten best world fighters in his division in our annual ratings.

The rest of the Cuban lads are Humberto Espinosa, flyweight champ; Santiago Sosa, lightweight; Eduardo de La Tore, feather; Lorenzo Safora, bantam; National Kid, Pedro Poey, Manuel Gonzales and Pablo Roca, feathers; Andre Gomez, middleweight.



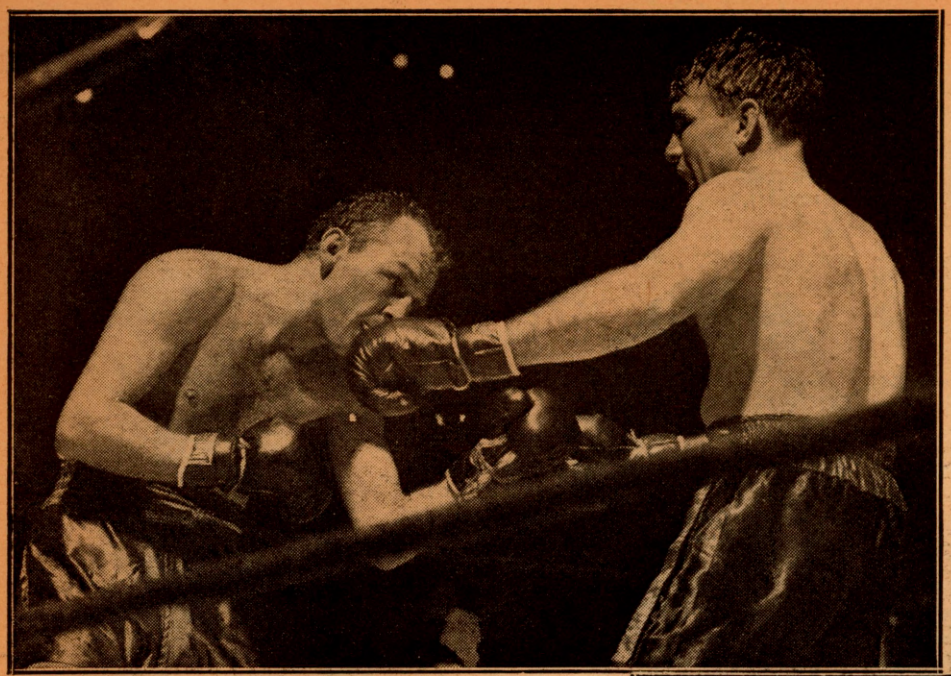
Rush Dalma, Filipino who holds a high place among the bantams.

Small Montana, again gets into first ten among flyweights.

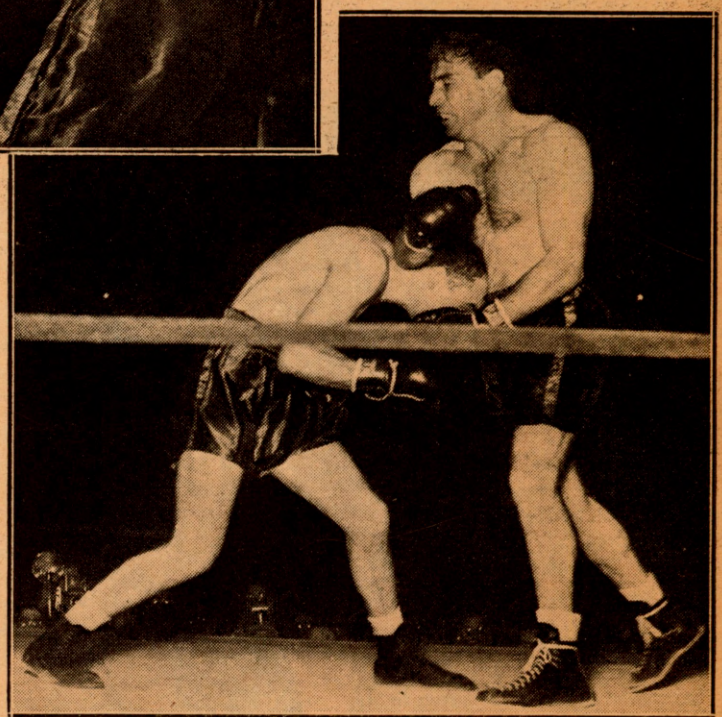


Kui Kong Young of Hawaii, who heads bantams.

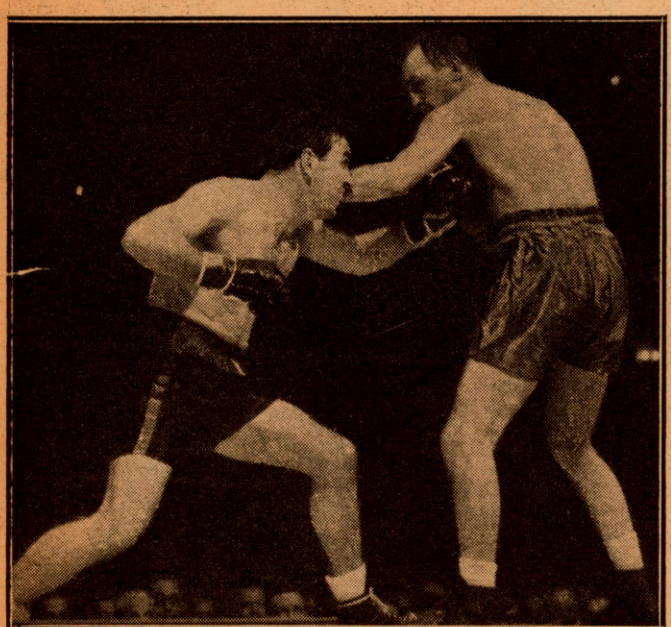
When Light-Heavies Clashed



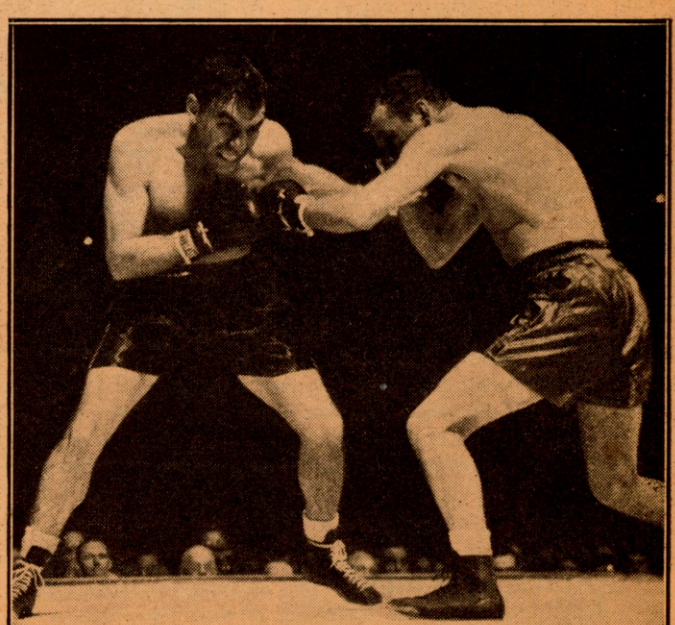
Ken Overlin, fighting his greatest battle, hooks a left to the mouth of Al Hostak in fifth round of Garden battle. This was only one of many such punches that jarred the northwesterner.



A little headwork on the part of Hostak that knocks Overlin out of breath. But Overlin came back and more than evened the score.

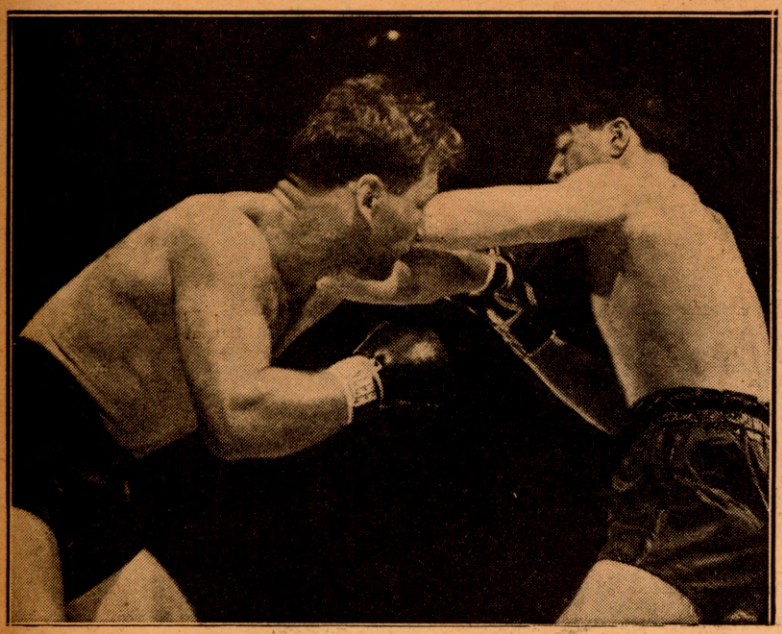


Clever Overlin slips past Hostak's left and crosses with a right to Al's chest. Ken, determined as never before to win, had things his own way in almost every round.

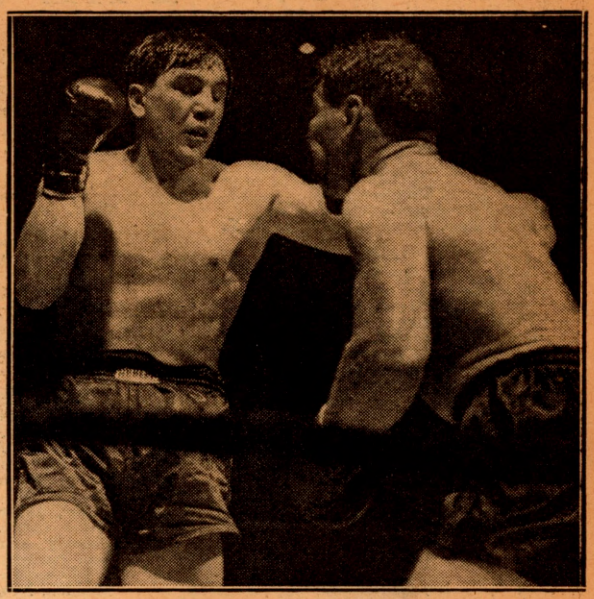


Ken again displays cleverness by blocking Hostak's left with glove and shooting his own left to Al's jaw. Note the fighting face of the winner.

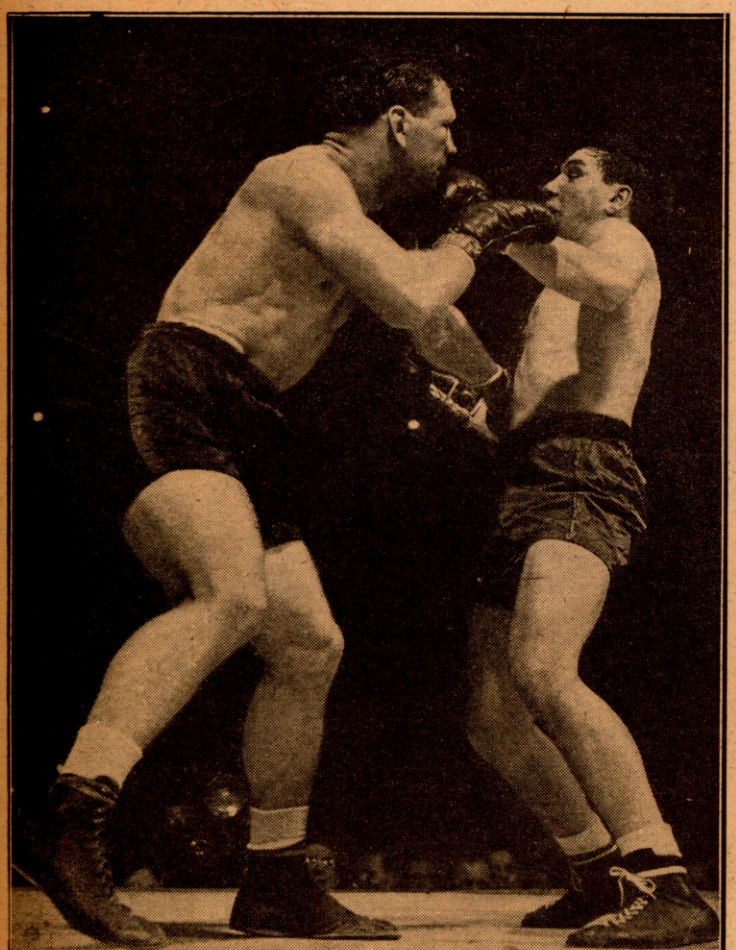
CLINCHING TITLE



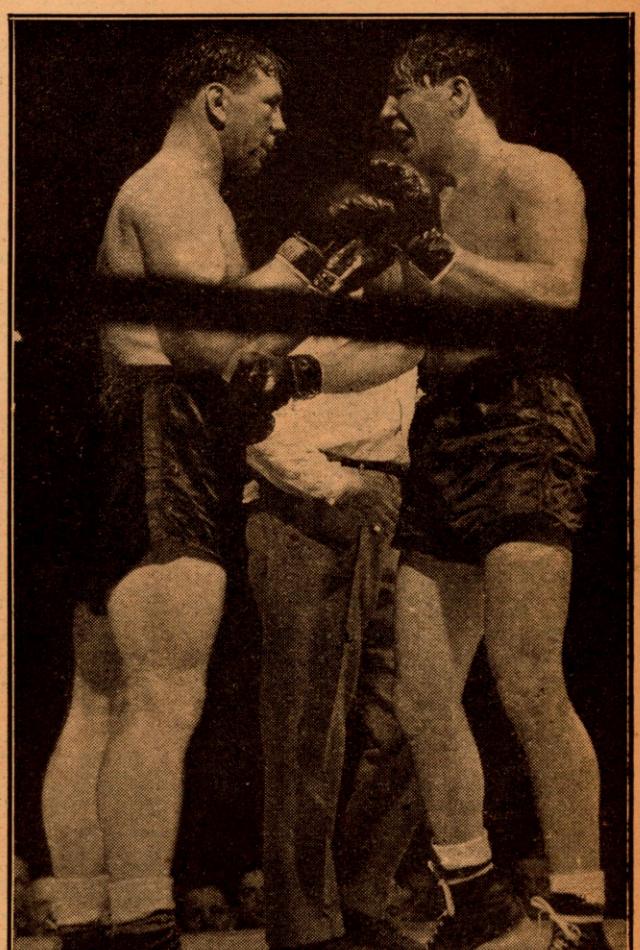
So hard is Tami Mauriello hit by Gus Lesnevich, that he is taken by surprise. It was unexpected. Note how Tami's left eye is almost closed. In this photo we see how cleverly Gus avoided Mauriello's blows. He slipped, ducked and sidestepped with perfection.



Mauriello, far outclassed, can scarcely fight back as his ever-alert opponent keeps rushing in and pounding away at every opportunity. It was a weary, keenly disappointed challenger who left the ring after the smoke of battle had ended. Gus was too good for Tami.



Tami lands a left to Gus's jaw, but Lesnevich, ever the aggressor, crosses a powerful right to Tami's jaw and sends back his head with a snap. Gus made good his boast that there would be no question about his right to the title after he got through with Mauriello. He clinched it with a vengeance.



Victor and vanquished. Tami, (right) well battered by his veteran opponent, knew the verdict before Harry Balough announced it. It was Lesnevich's greatest performance, a thrilling exhibition that clinched for him world honors, and THE RING *Magazine Belt.*

How Boxers *of the* World *are* Grouped *by* "The Ring" for 1941

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Heavyweight Division

(Group 1)

Joe Louis, Detroit, Mich.

(Group 2)

1—Billy Conn, Pittsburgh, Pa.
2—Lem Franklin, Cleveland, Ohio.
3—Bob Pastor, Saratoga Springs, N. Y.

(Group 3)

1—Buddy Baer, Oakland, Cal.
2—Melio Bettina, Beacon, N. Y.
3—Abe Simon, New York City.
4—Turkey Thompson, Los Angeles, Cal.
5—Lou Nova, Alameda, Cal.
6—Harry Bobo, Pittsburgh, Pa.
7—Max Baer, Oakland, Cal.
8—Roscoe Toles, Detroit, Mich.
9—Alberto Lovell, Argentina.
10—Arturo Godoy, Chile.

(Group 4)

1—Tony Shucco, Boston, Mass.
2—Buddy Walker, Columbus, Ohio.
3—Lee Savold, Des Moines, Iowa.
4—Clarence "Red" Burman, Baltimore, Md.
5—Freddie Fiducia, Newark, N. J.
6—Buddy Knox, Dayton, Ohio.

(Group 5)

(The following names are alphabetically arranged as there is too little difference to make a numerical choice).

Gunnar Barlund, Finland; Al Delaney, Windsor, Ont., Can.; Gus Dorazio, Philadelphia, Pa.; Tommy Farr, England; Johnny Flynn, Rochester, N. Y.; Tommy Gomez, Tampa, Fla.

Tony Galento, Orange, N. J.; Buddy Knox, Dayton, Ohio; Jack London, England; Nathan Mann, New Haven, Conn.; Tommy Martin, England; Tony Musto, Cleveland, Ohio; Maurice Strickland, New Zealand; Jim Thompson, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Sonnyboy Walker, Phoenix, Arizona.

(Group 6)

Altus Allen, Chicago; Harold Blackshear, Monterey, Calif.; Eddie Blunt, New York City; Bill Boyd, Seattle, Wash.; Big Boy Bray, Los Angeles, Calif.; Chuck Crowell, Los Angeles, Calif.; Johnny Denson, Indianapolis.

Larry Gains, England; Paul Hartnek, Kenosha, Wis.; George James, England; Jack Marshall, Dallas, Texas; Newsboy Millich, San Francisco; Junior Munsell, Ponca City, Okla.; Walter Neusel, Germany; Tony Novak, Kansas City, Mo.; Patsy Perroni, Canton, Ohio; Rodie O'Dooley, Steamboat Springs, Colorado.

Bill Poland, New York City; Frank Poreda, Jersey City; Tom Reddington, England; Willie Reddish, Philadelphia, Pa.; Eddie Simms, Cleveland, Ohio; Otis Thomas, St. Louis, Mo.; Elza Thompson, Indianapolis; Jack Trammell, Youngstown, Ohio.

Claudio Villar, Spain; Carl Vinciquerra, Omaha, Neb.; Henry Wacker, Chicago, Ill.; Eddie Wenstob, Winnipeg, Can.; Johnny Whiters, Pontiac, Mich.; Panther Williams, St. Louis, Mo.; Frank Zamoris, Orange, N. J.

(Group 7)

Johnny Aichers, Grantwood, N. J.; Mike Alfano, Newark, N. J.; Joe Baksi, New York City; Neville Beech, Picayune, Miss.; Al Blake, Baltimore, Md.; Jim Boyle, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Lou Brooks, Wilmington, Del.; Phil Brubaker, Dinuba, Calif.; Martin Clark, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Ernie Collins, Reno, Nevada; Italo Colonello, Italy; Steve Colucci, Phillipsburg, N. J.

Henry Cooper, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Pat Comiskey, Paterson, N. J.; Wally Cross, Newark, N. J.; Dan Dowling, St. Louis, Mo.; Eldridge Eatman, Norwalk, Conn.; Charley Eagle, Waterbury, Conn.; Leroy Evans, Buffalo, N. Y.; George Fitch, New Haven, Conn.; Frank Donofrio, Philadelphia, Pa.

Tiger Jack Fox, Spokane, Wash.; Marty Gordon, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Charley Harvey, New York City; Dan Hassett, Philadelphia, Pa.; Leroy Haynes, Philadelphia, Pa.; Adolph Heuser, Germany; Jim Howell, New York City; Babe Hunt, Ponca City, Okla.; Chuck Jennings, Orange, N. J.; James J. Johnson, New York City.

Johnny Kapovich, Baltimore, Md.; Selman Martin, Chicago; Joe Matesi, Binghamton, N. Y.; Andy Miller, Sioux City, Iowa; Max Minnich, Cleveland, Ohio; Buddy Moore, New York City; Henry Morosz, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Ben Moroz, Philadelphia, Pa.; Lee O. Murray, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Johnny Myhasuk, Philadelphia, Pa.; Bob Nestell, Los Angeles, Calif.; Red Nibert, Los Angeles, Calif.; George Nicholson, Yonkers, N. Y. Joe O'Gatty, Toms River, N. J.; Lee Oma, Detroit, Mich.

Julio Ortenzio, New York City; Abner Powell, New York City; Babe Ritchie, Lubbock, Texas; Jim Robinson, Philadelphia, Pa.; Salvatore Ruggirello, Italy; Curtis Sheppard, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Johnny Shkor, Baltimore, Md.; Bob Sikes, Pine Bluff, Ark.; Orlando Trotter, Chicago, Ill.; J. D. Turner, Dallas, Tex.; Bill Weinberg, Boston, Mass.; Unknown Winston, Hartford, Conn.; Teddy Wint, New York City.

(Group 8)

Tommy Adams, New York City; Frank Androff, Minneapolis; Tommy Assenza, New York City; Joe Baynes, New York City; Frank Braverman, New York City; Abel Cestak, Buenos Aires; Lou Chumich, Duluth, Minn.; Frankie Clay, Mexico; Bernard Davis, Birmingham, Ala.

Johnny Erjavec, Duluth, Minn.; Cleo Everett, New York City; Jimmy Ferrara, Newark, N. J.; Nick Fiorentino, Philadelphia, Pa.; Lew Flowers, New York City; Young Foster, Atlantic City, N. J.; Nash Garrison, San Jose, Calif.; Floyd Gibbons, Detroit, Mich.; Bob Godwin, Daytona Beach, Fla.; Frank Greene, Chicago, Ill.

Cowboy Greggs, Houston, Texas; Frankie Hammer, Oakland, Calif.; Hardrock Harden, Burlington, N. C.; Al Hart, Washington, D. C.; Yancey Henry, Los Angeles, Calif.; Young Hippo, Kingston, Pa.; Ralph Ivins, Jamesburg, N. J.; Vince Kojak, Hazleton, Pa.; Ralph Koskey, Newark, N. J.; Cliff Kusterback, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Jack Kutex, Akron, Ohio; Jack Lansky, Hazleton, Pa.; Heinz Lazek, Austria; John Henry Lewis, 3rd, Phoenix, Ariz.; Earl Lowman, Washington, D. C.; Dan Hassett, Philadelphia, Pa.

Johnny McCarthy, Stone Lake, Wisc.; Tommy Madden, New York City; Eddie Mader, New York City; Karl Malm, Duluth, Minn.; Dan Merritt, Cleveland, Ohio; Tony Morelli, Newark, N. J.; Charley Neaves, Kansas City, Mo.; Julio Ortenzio, Newark, N. J.; Lorenzo Pack, Detroit, Mich.; Beans Palmer, Plainfield, N. J.; Joey Parks, St. Louis.

Johnny Paychek, Des Moines, Iowa; Bill Peterson, Chicago, Ill.; Ernie Petretti, Newark, N. J.; Hank Postaway, Detroit, Mich.; Merlo Preciso, Italy; Bill Renfro, Comanche, Texas; Charley Robinson, Pennsgrove, Pa.; Jack Lester Rose, New York City; Emil Scholz, Germany; Wally Sears, Minersville, Pa.

Pal Silvers, New York City; Harvey Smith, Philadelphia, Pa.; Willie Snell, Chicago, Ill.; Juan Ulrich, Peru; Domingo Valin, Oakland, Calif.

Art Sykes, Elmira, N. Y.; Pete Tamalonis, Buffalo, N. Y.; Carlisle Thompson, Anderson, S. C.; Al Williams, Chicago, Ill.; Blimp Williams, Fresno, Calif.; Howard Williams, Detroit, Mich.; Young Harry Wills, Cincinnati; Charley Wright, Newark, N. J.; Unknown Winston, Hartford, Conn.; Walter Ziehl, New York City.

Light-Heavyweight Division

(Group 1)

1—Gus Lesnevich, Cliffside, N. J.
2—Booker Beckwith, Chicago, Ill.
3—Anton Christoforidis, Greece.
4—Tami Mauriello, New York City.
5—Mose Brown, Pittsburgh, Pa.
6—Jimmy Bivins, Cleveland, O.

(Group 2)

1—Jock McAvoy, England.
2—Alabama Kid, Dover, Ohio.
3—Lloyd Marshall, Sacramento, Calif.
4—Tommy Tucker, East Rockaway, L. I.
5—Herbie Katz, Brooklyn, N. Y.
6—Joey Maxim, Cleveland, Ohio.
7—Pat Valentino, San Francisco, Calif.
8—Oscar Rankins, Los Angeles, Calif.

(Group 3)

1—Jimmy Webb, St. Louis, Mo.
2—Erv Sarlin, Pittsburgh, Pa.
3—Jimmy Reeves, Cleveland, Ohio.
4—Al Gainer, New Haven, Conn.
5—Solly Krieger, New York City.
6—Tiger Warrington, Nova Scotia.
7—Carmen Barth, Cleveland, Ohio.

(Group 4)

(Listed Alphabetically)

Joe Barr, Philadelphia, Pa.; Domenic Ceccarelli, Italy; Tony Cisco, Norristown, Pa.; Gunboat Davis, Charleston, W. Va.; Ralph DeJohn, Syracuse, N. Y.; Vern Earling, Kellogg, Idaho.

Stanley Hasrato, Yonkers, N. Y.; Ira Hughes, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Bobby Jones, Atlantic City, N. J.; Red Lewis, Richmond, Va.; Eddie Miller, Philadelphia, Pa.; Ray Miller, Newark, N. J.; Fred Mills, England; Chester Parks, Los Angeles, Calif.; Willie Pavlovich, New York City.

Pancho Ramirez, Los Angeles, Calif.; Johnny Romero, San Diego, Calif.; Al Sinibaldi, Berlin, N. H.; Solly Stark, Minneapolis, Minn.; Hobo Williams, Alexandria, Va.; Eddie Wenstob, Edmonton, Alberta, Can.; Bobby Wilson, Philadelphia; Jimmy Young, Dunmore, Pa.

(Group 5)

Young Allen, Macon, Ga.; Johnny Clinton, New York City; Danny Cox, New York City; Felix del Paoli, Philadelphia; Lew DiMarco, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Billy Eck, Allentown, Pa.; Al Globe, Chicago; Star Harvey, New York City.

Larry Lane, Trenton, N. J.; Flash Lightning, Philadelphia; Ted Lowry, Portland, Me.; Pat Mangini, Philadelphia; Marty Marino, New York City; Herbert Marshall, New York City.

Billy Metcalf, Los Angeles, Calif.; Johnny Morris, Yonkers, N. Y.; Paddy Muldoon, Australia; Jackie Munley, Scranton, Pa.; Don Neratko, New York City; Red Nibert, Los Angeles, Calif.

Bill Nichy, Buffalo, N. Y.; Johnny Nojunas, Philadelphia; Billy Pryor, Pueblo, Colo.; Milton Reeves, New York City; Jose Rodriguez, Puerto Rico; Clay Rowan, San Francisco; Al Smith, New York City; Frankie Smith, Philadelphia; Johnny Snyder, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Lorenzo Strickland, New York City; Sam Turner, Philadelphia; Eddie Wilson, Philadelphia.

Middleweight Division

(Group 1)

1—Tony Zale, Gary, Indiana.
2—Georgie Abrams, New York City.
3—Billy Soose, Farrell, Pa.
4—Ken Overlin, Decatur, Ill.

(Group 2)

1—Coley Welch, Portland, Maine.
2—Steve Belloise, New York City.
3—Ceferino Garcia, Philippine Islands.
4—Shorty Hogue, Jacumba, Calif.
5—Ron Richards, Australia.
6—Archie Moore, St. Louis, Mo.
7—Johnny Colan, New York City.
8—Ernie Vigh, Newburgh, N. Y.
9—Eddie Booker, San Jose, Calif.
10—Antonio Fernandez, Chile.
11—Al Hostak, Seattle, Wash.

(Group 3)

(Listed Alphabetically)

Fred Apostoli, San Francisco, Calif.; Milt Aron, Chicago, Ill.; Joe Basora, Puerto Rico; Nate Bolden, Chicago, Ill.; Raul Carrabantes, Jacksonville, Fla.; Henry Chmielewski, Old Orchard, Maine; Bert Gilroy, Scotland; Al Gilbert, Washington, D. C.; Big Boy Hogue, Jacumba, Calif.; Howell King, Detroit, Mich.; Deacon Logan, St. Louis, Mo.; Steve Mamakos, Washington, D. C.; Tony (Martin) Cianciola, Milwaukee, Wis.; Carmen Notch, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Atilio Sabbatino, Puerto Rico; Lou Schwartz, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Joe Sutka, Detroit, Michigan; Ossie Stewart, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Kid Tunero, Cuba; Paulie Walker, Trenton, N. J.; Al Wardlow, Youngstown, Ohio; Leon Zorrita, Los Angeles, Calif.

(Group 4)

Augie Arellano, Houston, Texas; Johnny Barbara, South Bend, Ind.; Al Basten, Australia; Al Bernard, New York City; Billy Bengal, Detroit, Mich.; Gene Buffalo, Philadelphia; George Burnette, Detroit, Mich.; Joe Balzo, New York City; Cal Cagni, Cresskill, N. J.; Jimmy Casino, Los Angeles, Calif.; Billy Colbert, Houston, Tex.; Jackie Donovan, Buffalo, N. Y.

Vincent Fratello, Hackensack, N. J.; Ossie Harris, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Jack Hyams, England; Andre Jessurun, New York City; Honeyboy Jones, Mansfield, Ohio; Jack Kenny, New York City; Jack La Motta, New York City; Harvey Massey, New Orleans, La.

Allan Matthews, St. Louis, Mo.; Harry Kid Matthews, Emett, Idaho; Jack McNamee, Australia; Pat O'Connor, Ireland; Eddie Pierce, South Africa; Ginger Sadd, England; Eric Seelig, New York City; Lou Schwartz, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Joe Sutka, Detroit, Mich.; Tiger Wade, Oakland, Calif.; Tommy Yarosz, Monaca, Pa.

(Group 5)

Augie Angarano, New York City; Mike Angieri, New York City; Stanley Berl, New York City; Billy Bird, England; Otto Blackwell, Los Angeles, Calif.; Jimmy Casa, New York City; Harry Craster, England; Mike DeStefano, Philadelphia; Johnny Flores, Houston, Texas; Andy Holland, New York City; Steve Izzy, Philadelphia, Pa.; Larry Kellum, New York City; Paul Klang, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Andy Kodak, Philadelphia, Pa.

Billy Latka, San Jose, Calif.; Young Joe Louis, Denver, Colo.; Joe Butch Lynch, Plainfield, N. J.; Jay Macedon, Orange, N. J.; Eddie Maguire, South Africa, Dave McCleave, England; Jimmy McDaniels, Los Angeles, Calif.; Gene Molnar, New York City; Frankie Nelson, Davenport, Iowa.

Jimmy O'Boyne, Boston, Mass.; Buddy O'Dell, Los Angeles, Calif.; Oscar Poindexter, Newark, N. J.; Izzy Redman, New York City; Paddy Roche, Ireland; Joe Sankey, Philadelphia.

Red Shannon, Los Angeles, Calif.; Pedro Tomez, Philadelphia; Dick Turpin, England; Babe Verilla, New Bedford, Mass.; Len Wadsworth, Toronto, Canada; Bunky Wall, Morris-

town, N. J.; Lambertine Williams, Baltimore, Md.; Mutt Womer, New York City.

Welterweight Division

(Group 1)

1—Freddie "Red" Cochrane, Elizabeth, N. J.
2—Ray Robinson, New York City.
3—Jackie Wilson, Los Angeles, Cal.
4—Fritzie Zivic, Pittsburgh, Pa.
5—Young Kid McCoy, Detroit, Mich.
6—Charley Burley, Pittsburgh, Pa.
7—Holman Williams, Detroit, Mich.
8—Izzy Jannazzo, New York City.
9—Mike Kaplan, Boston, Mass.

(Group 2)

1—Ernie Roderick, England.
2—Joe Legon, Havana, Cuba.
3—Cocoa Kid, New Haven, Conn.
4—Al Nettlow, Detroit, Mich.
5—Sammy Secreet, Cleveland, Ohio.
6—Maxie Berger, Montreal, Canada.
7—Phil Furr, Washington, D. C.
8—Wicky Harkins, Philadelphia, Pa.
9—Marty Servo, Schenectady, N. Y.

(Group 3)

(Listed Alphabetically)

Arthur Danahar, England; Al Davis, New York City; Carl Dell, Oneonta, N. Y.; Vic Dellicurti, New York City; Jimmy Leto, Hartford, Conn.; Tony Marteliano, New York City; Mayon Padlo, Philadelphia, Pa.; Harry Weekly, Alliance, Ohio; Luther "Slugger" White, Fall River, Mass.

(Group 4)

Kid Azteca, Mexico; Jackie Kid Berg, England; Quentin "Baby" Breese, Manhattan, Kansas; Bobby Britton, Miami Beach, Fla.; Dencio Cabanella, Philippine Islands; Tony Chavez, Albuquerque, N. M.; Jerome Conforto, New Orleans, La.; Eddie Dolan, Waterbury, Conn.; Arthur Dorrell, Dallas, Texas; Jimmy Garrison, Kansas City, Mo.; Red Green, Los Angeles, Calif.; Yussell Goldstein, New York City; Cecil Hudson, San Jose, Calif.; Irwin Kaye Kaplan, Los Angeles, Calif.; Jack Larrimore, Miami Beach, Fla.; Kenny LaSalle, Houston, Texas; Doug Marsh, Montreal, Canada; Georgie Martin, Boston, Mass.; Harry Mizler, England; Red Moffett, Devon, Conn.; Richard Polite, New Orleans, La.; Sheik Rangel, Fresno, Calif.; Rudolfo Ramirez, Mexico City, Mex.; Pete DeRuzza, Mamaroneck, N. Y.; Ernest Robinson, New York City.

Norman Rubio, Albany, N. Y.; Al Smith, Los Angeles, Calif.; Saverio Turiello, Italy; Vinnie Vines, Schenectady, N. Y.; Allen Westbury, Australia.

(Group 5)

Ramiro Almagro, Cuba; Eddie Alzek, New York City; Dewey Anderson, New York City; Tommy Armour, Ireland; Freddie Arnold, Sioux City, Iowa; Alfredo Barja, Tampa, Fla.; Billy Beauhuld, Jersey City, N. J.; Hockey Bennell, Australia; Leonard Bennett, Chicago, Ill.

Ervin Berlier, New Orleans, La.; Joe Boscarino, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Babe Brandelli, Los Angeles, Calif.; Frankie Britt, Fall River, Mass.; El Brookman, Washington, D. C.; Jack Burke, Ogden, Utah; Johnny Carter, Philadelphia, Pa.

Frankie Cavanna, New York City; Dave Chacon, Newark, N. J.; Willie Cheatum, Newark, N. J.; Georgie Crouch, Los Angeles, Calif.; Billy Davis, Minersville, Pa.; Harry Davis, England; Johnny Dean, Philadelphia, Pa.; Dick Demeray, Minneapolis, Minn.; Earl Dixon, Philadelphia, Pa.; Freddie Dixon, Phoenix, Arizona; Mansfield Driscoll, Detroit, Mich.; Eddie Dunne, New York City.

Tony Ferrara, New York City; Billy Furrone, Scranton, Pa.; Joe Gavras, Los Angeles, Calif.; Beauford Glover, Cleveland, Ohio; Joey Haddad, Jersey City, N. J.; Johnny Jackson, New Orleans, La.; Gene Johnson, New York City; Sonny Jones, Vancouver; Terry Reilly, Australia.

(Group 6)

Dave Bruce, Newark, N. J.; Charley Burns, Johnstown, Pa.; Howard Burton, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Freddie Cabral, Boston, Mass.; Eddie Conley, Boston, Mass.; Paul Cortlyn, Newark, N. J.; Al Costa, Holyoke, Mass.; Rego Dell, Dunmore, Pa.; Mickey Makar, Bayonne, N. J.

Tony Mar, Cuba; Lee Mazzilli, New York City; Wild Bill McDowell, Dallas, Texas; Francesco Montanari, Italy; Pete Muscarnera, New York City; Willie Neyland, Houston, Texas; Johnny Noce, Philadelphia, Pa.; Wildcat O'Connor, Scranton, Pa.; Charley Parham, Duluth, Minn.; Mike Piskin, Freehold, N. J.

Jimmy Purcell, Australia; Johnny Rinaldi, New York City; Vinnie Rossano, New York City; Al Roth, New York City; Norman Snow, England; Joey Spangler, Richmond, Va.; Milo Theodorescu, Rumania; Victor Troise, White Plains, N. Y.; Pancho Villa I, Mexico; Pancho Villa II, Mexico; Dodo Woods, Buffalo, N. Y.; Lefty Young, Tampa, Florida.

(Group 7)

Pete Bayron, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Jimmy Bell, New Haven, Conn.; Kenny Blackmere, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mickey Canty, Holyoke, Mass.; Pat Carroll, Detroit, Mich.; Benny Cartegena, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Young Kid Chocolate, Camden, N. J.; Johnny Cregan, Pittsburgh, Pa.; William Francis Duffy, Hartford, Conn.; Johnny Durso, Louisville, Ky.

Danny Falco, Philadelphia, Pa.; Johnny Fasano, San Francisco; Caesar Ferro, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Billy Garrett, Braddock, Pa.; Reds Graber, Philadelphia, Pa.; Johnny Greco, Montreal, Canada; Mistos Grispos, Greece; Johnny Gumpter, Warren, Ohio; Sean Hynes, Ireland; George Henry, Milwaukee, Wis.; Norman Hurdman, Toronto, Canada; Johnny Jones, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Danny Kapilow, New York City; Jake Kilrain, Scotland; Jimmy Lakes, Los Angeles, Calif.; Billy Lee, Reno, Nevada; Phil McQuillan, Denver, Colorado; Sammy Magro, Birmingham, Ala.; Raymon Molina, Cuba; Jimmy Moore, England.

Felix Morales, New York City; Lee Orey, Los Angeles, Calif.; Gus Pappas, Duluth, Minn.; Ernie Peters, Morton, Minn.; Bob Reilly, Tampa, Fla.; Steve Riggio, New York City; Smoke Robinson, Buffalo, N. Y.; Tommy Roman, Bayonne, N. J.; Chico Romo, Denver, Colo.; Ray Rovelli, Dumont, N. J.; Frankie Saia, Philadelphia, Pa.; Flash Sebastian, San Francisco, Calif.

Billy Smith, Minneapolis, Minn.; Hughie Smith, Rochester, N. Y.; Charley Sulic, Philadelphia, Pa.; Babe Synott, Fall River, Mass.; Domingo Torres, Cuba; Frankie Velez, New York City; Frankie Wallace, Cleveland, Ohio; Emmett Weller, St. Paul, Minn.; Tommy Zano, New York City.

Lightweight Division

(Group 1)

1—Bob Montgomery, Philadelphia, Pa.
2—Sammy Angott, Philadelphia, Pa.
3—Lew Jenkins, Sweetwater, Texas.

(Group 2)

1—Dave Castilloux, Montreal, Canada.
2—Lenny Mancini, Youngstown, Ohio.
3—Ray Lunny, San Francisco, Calif.
4—Juan Zorita, Mexico City, Mex.
5—Leo Rodak, Chicago, Ill.
6—Aldo Spoldi, Italy.
7—Willie Joyce, Chicago, Ill.
8—George Latka, San Jose, Calif.
9—Eric Boon, England.
10—Allie Stolz, Newark, N. J.
11—Nick Castiglione, Chicago, Ill.

(Group 3)

(Listed Alphabetically)

Freddie Archer, Newark, N. J.; Baby Arizmendi, Los Angeles, Calif.; Danny Bartfield, New York City; Beau Jack, Holyoke, Mass.; Johnny Bellus, New Haven, Conn.; Harris Blake, Buffalo, N. Y.; Nick Camarata, New Orleans, La.; Larry Cisneros, Los Angeles, Calif.; Chief Crazy Horse, Los Angeles, Calif.

Dave Crowley, England; Davey Day, Chicago, Ill.; Irving Eldridge, New York City; Mike Evans, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mickey Farber, New York City; Lew Feldman, New York City; Primo Flores, New York City; Joey Fontana, New York City; Patsy Giovanelli, New York City; Charley Gomer, Baltimore, Md.; Johnny Hutchinson, Philadelphia, Pa.; Ronnie James, England; Justo Jiminez, Mexico; Herschel Joiner, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Julie Kogon, New Haven, Conn.; Eddie Lander, Chicago, Ill.; Tippy Larkin, Newark, N. J.; Pete Lello, Chicago, Ill.; Eddie Marcus, Los Angeles, Calif.; Billy Marquart, Winnipeg, Canada; Bobby McIntire, Detroit, Mich.; Honey Mellody, Boston, Mass.; Bernie Miller, New York City.

Tod Morgan, Australia; Tony Morgano, Philadelphia, Pa.; Vic Patrick, Australia; Joe Pedroso, Cuba; Nick Peters, Los Angeles, Calif.; Ray Price, Portland, Ore.; Guillermo Puentes, South America; Wesley Ramey, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Chester Rico, New York City.

Angelo Radano, Bridgeport, Conn.; Bobby Ruffin, New York City; Maxie Shapiro, New York City; Tommy Spiegel, Uniontown, Pa.; Pete Scalzo, New York City; Jimmy Tygh, Philadelphia, Pa.; Charlie Varre, New York City; Toby Vigil, Los Angeles, Calif.; Terry Young, New York City; Yucatan Kid, Miami, Fla.; George Zengaras, New York City.

(Group 4)

Mickey Adamick, Johnstown, Pa.; Roman Alvarez, New York City; Freddie Archie, Elizabeth, N. J.; Vince Attardi, Jersey City, N. J.; Teddy Baldwin, Philadelphia, Pa.; Buster Beaupre, Burlington, Vt.

K. O. Borrado, Cleveland, Ohio; Sammy Brown, Fresno, Calif.; Johnny Buff, Atlantic City, N. J.; Billy Bullock, Washington, D. C.; Douglas Bygrave, England.

Dencio Cabanella, Honolulu; Ray Campo, Los Angeles, Calif.; Fighting Carlos, Hawaii; Ernie Carter, Los Angeles, Calif.; Zeke Castro, Denver, Colo.; Jimmy Cogman, Elizabeth, N. J.; Davey Cohen, New York City; Frankie Conn, Lynhurst, N. J.; Pedro Corchado, Puerto Rico; Victor Corchado, Puerto Rico; Chief Evening Thunder, San Francisco, Calif.

Mike Delia, Tulsa, Okla.; Tony DeSalvo, New York City; Lennox Dingle, Philadelphia, Pa.; Joe Doty, Detroit, Mich.; Frankie Duane, Elizabeth, N. J.; Harvey Dubs, Windsor, Ontario; Frank Farrington, Australia; Carmelo Fenoy, Spain; Jose Ferrer, Cuba; Dave Finn, England; Pedro Firpo, Camden, N. J.; Maxie Fisher, Newark, N. J.; Pat Foley, Worcester, Mass.; Carmine Fatta, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Ritchie Fontaine, Missoula, Mont.; Ginger Foran, England; Lou Fortuna, Philadelphia, Pa.; Jeff Furrone, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mike Gamiere, Cleveland, Ohio; Joe Ghnouly, St. Louis, Mo.; Julio Gonzales, Puerto Rico; Lupe Gonzales, Mexico; Manuel Gonzales, Spain.

Carl "Red" Guggino, Hartford, Conn.; Floyd Hagen, St. Paul, Minn.; Georgie Hansford, Los Angeles, Calif.; Texas Lee Harper, Dallas, Texas; Clever Henry, Hawaii; Wishy Jones, Louisville, Ky.; Sammy Julian, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Abie Kaufman, Philadelphia, Pa.

Spider Kelly, Ireland; Al Kimber, Australia; Bob King, Australia; Pat Kissinger, Kansas City, Mo.; Mickey LaMarr, New York City; Ray Landis, Washington; Lisle Law, Australia; Harry Lazar, England; Jimmy Liddell, Los Angeles, Calif.; Memo Llanes, Mexico; Jimmy Maddox, Terre Haute, Ind.; Billy Maher, Philadelphia, Pa.; Bernie Manhoff, Philadelphia, Pa.; Ronnie McLaughlin, England.

Jorge Morelia, Mexico; Nello Nucelli, Rochester, N. Y.; Harold Oliver, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Solly Pearl, New York City; Ellis Phillips, Philadelphia, Pa.; Monty Pignatore, New York City; Lloyd Pine, Barberton, Ohio; Angel Pino, Cuba; Joey Pirrone, Cleveland, Ohio; Johnny Pleasant, Chicago, Ill.; Norment Quarles, Hendersonville, N. C.; Norman "Red" Rahn, Philadelphia, Pa.

Morris Reif, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Joey Rivers, Mexico; Charley Roberts, New York City; Ted Christie, New York City; Tomboy Romero, Sacramento, Calif.; Willie Russell, Columbus, Ohio; George Salamone, Boston, Mass.; Tony Sarullo, Philadelphia, Pa.; Eddie Scott, Detroit, Mich.; Andy Scrivani, Los Angeles, Calif.; Kid Seely, Ireland; Billy Seward, Ingomar, Montana.

Ray Sharkey, Cleveland, Ohio; Lee Sheppard, Cleveland, Ohio; Ritchie Shinn, Hollywood, Calif.; Mexican Joey Silva, Mexico; Norman "HiHo" Silvers, New York City; Sonny Simon, New York City; Santiago Sosa, Cuba; Gene Spencer, Chicago, Ill.; Joey Stack, Philadelphia, Pa.; Buck Streator, Philadelphia, Pa.; Harry Teany, Cleveland, Ohio.

Jimmy Walsh, England; Gene Ward, Chicago, Ill.; Oliver White, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Ike Williams, Trenton, N. J.; Oscar Wright, Washington, D. C.; Joe Ybarra, San Francisco, Calif.; Frankie Zezima, Hartford, Conn.

Featherweight Division

(Group 1)

1—Chalky Wright, Los Angeles, Calif.

(Group 2)

1—Jackie Wilson, Pittsburgh, Pa.
2—Richie Lemos, Los Angeles, Calif.
3—Pedro Hernandez, Puerto Rico.
4—Harry Jeffra, Baltimore, Md.
5—Jimmy Kidd Hatcher, Lake City, S. C.
6—Sal Bartolo, Boston, Mass.
7—Bobby "Poison" Ivy, Hartford, Conn.
8—Mike Raffa, Weirton, Pa.
9—Bill Speary, Nanticoke, Pa.
10—Jackie Callura, Toronto, Canada.
11—Guy Serean, Nanticoke, Pa.
12—Larry Bolvin, Providence, R. I.
13—Nel Tarleton, England.
14—Georgie Pace, Cleveland, Ohio.
15—Lou Transparenti, Baltimore, Md.
16—Joey Archibald, Providence, R. I.

(Group 3)

(Listed Alphabetically)

Spider Armstrong, Toronto, Canada; Billy Banks, Washington, D. C.; Mike Belloise, New York City; Frankie Bove, Newark, N. J.; Verne Bybee, Ogden, Utah; Benny Caplan, England; Simon Chavez, Venezuela; Lulu Constantino, New York City; Johnny Cusick, England; Vincent Dell 'Orto, Italy; Abe Denner, Boston, Mass.; Bobby Green, Philadelphia, Pa.; Leon Haire, St. Louis, Mo.

Harold Hoshino, Seattle, Wash.; Joey Iannotti, Hartford, Conn.; Tommy King, England; Snooks Lacey, New Haven, Conn.; Sammy LaPorte, Baltimore, Md.; Danny LaVerne, San Francisco, Calif.; Nat Litfin, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Al Mancini, Providence, R. I.; Carlos "Bandit" Manzana, Mexico; Johnny Marcelline, Philadelphia, Pa.

Joe Marinelli, Dayton, Ohio; George Marsden, England; Hank Nakamura, Honolulu; Morris Parker, Newark, N. J.; Frank Parkes, England; Willie Pep, Hartford; Matt Perfetti, Amsterdam, N. Y.; Jimmy Perrin, New Orleans, La.; Al Reid, New York City; Tom Smith, England; Jackie Taylor, Columbus, Ohio; Paco Villa, Mexico; Phil Zwick, Milwaukee, Wis.; Pablo Roca, Cuba.

(Group 4)

Charley Bayron, New York City; Len Beynon, England; Al Brown, Philadelphia, Pa.; Sonny Brent, Louisville, Ky.; Dom Burrone, Philadelphia, Pa.; Young Casanova, Mexico; Lou Casiano, New York City; Joe Catalfamo, Baltimore, Md.; Jimmy Chapman, Vancouver, B. C.; Billy Charlton, England.

Johnny Cockfield, New York City; Jimmy Collins, Baltimore, Md.; Johnny Compo, New Haven, Conn.; Joe Conde, Mexico; Tony Costa, Woonsocket, R. I.; Young Coullimber, Cuba; Davey Crawford, New York City; Cris Crispin, Honolulu; Isidor Delgado, Cuba; Tony Dupre, Manchester, N. H.; Chester Ellis, Kansas City, Kan.

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Fortune's Favorites of '41

By TED CARROLL

LIKE the last round of a title fight, the year 1941 has slipped gently into the past, leaving behind the usual quota of wrecked hopes, and brilliant prospects. Who were the leatherslinging knights of the roped arena upon whom fortune smiled in 1941? Which of the gentlemen of the ring made the most money, scored the greatest triumphs, made the best comeback, made the greatest headway and proved the most consistently successful?

Tackling the financial angle of the business first, a most important angle these days, the dominating figure as far as this phase of the fight business goes is of course Joe Louis. As both a gate attraction and a wage earner, the incomparable Bomber continued to monopolize all honors as the Mr. Moneybags of the Profession.

One of the most colorful of all fighters, in spite of his somber personality, Louis hauled more than a million dollars through the turnstiles for Uncle Mike Jacobs last year. He fell just a bit short of hitting that mark in his 2 fights against Conn and Nova, both of which topped $450,000, but surpassed the million mark when the returns from the Simon, Musto, Burman and Baer epics were added in. Louis' predominance in boxing where drawing ability is concerned is so evident his spot as the No. 1 card is automatic.

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FEW will dispute Bob Pastor's right to all honors as the comeback king of the year in pugilism. The family man from Saratoga Springs who had to be cajoled into trying it again by Jimmy Johnston after he seemed set on retiring following the Conn catastrophe, finds himself right back up with the heavyweight leaders as 1942 comes marching in. The ex-collegian, once he made his mind up to put his best efforts into his ring endeavors rolled along invincibly, winning all his bouts in 1941.

He got off the deck 4 times to check Turkey Thompson in their first fight on the Pacific Coast, the setto that convinced fight followers throughout the country that he still had plenty left as a heavyweight contender.

He came right back in a return bout against the hard-hitting Turkey and this one proved to be no contest as Bob's shoulder feinting and shifting style, baffled the colored Californian completely. He followed this up by stopping Canadian Champ Al Delaney, and then wound up his year's campaign in a blaze of glory by handing the most highly-touted fighter in years, Booker Beckwith, a thorough trouncing.

Pastor is entitled to plenty of credit on another score. He seems to be the only ranking contender with the possible exception of Abe Simon who is not afraid to tangle with the feared colored contenders. Most of the other topnotchers bawl loudly for Louis, while avoiding the other sable sockers as they would a case of leprosy.

Not so Pastor. He has always shown a willingness to meet anyone. Incidentally, he has never been beaten by a colored fighter with the lone exception of Louis. Pastor developed the knack of boxing the colored lads back in the amateurs.

In the final contest of the 1934 Golden Gloves, the New York team needed the last bout of the evening to win. This was the heavyweight contest in which Bob Pastor of New York was to meet none other than Otis Thomas of Chicago, who did better than fair as a pro later on, and who was ballyhooed as a world beater as a simon-pure.

The titanic Thomas, a muscular bronze-statue, dwarfed the stocky New Yorker. This fazed Pastor not a bit, however, and he hammered out a well merited decision over his magnificently built foe. Since that time, only the great Louis has been able to top him among the colored fellows. Roscoe Toles, at the time Bob beat him a real menace, Thompson and Beckwith all found Pastor's unusual style a puzzle.

Although he outweighed Beckwith 14 pounds, the Gary, Ind. boy was so highly rated that Pastor's win over him cinched the former N.Y.U. football player's claim as the "comeback king" of the year, with few dissenting votes.

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TIPPY LARKIN of Garfield, N. J., made an excellent recovery following a couple of disastrous experiences in 1940. The slim Jerseyite roared back with a flock of snappy kayoes over fair to middling opposition.

Gus Lesnevich finally decided that a boxing career was to be preferred to that of a lifeguard, and wound up the title-holder in his division, after a "so-so" career up to 1941.

Although unpublicized, Charley Bennett's Wicky Harkins, made one of the best upswings in the game in the past year, despite the loss of a decision here and there. The Pennsylvania blond, came back from a string of 1940 reverses to beat such as Paulie Walker, just a few weeks after Walker had drawn with Ken Overlin; Yussel Goldstein, and Vic Dellicurti, among others. Neither Lesnevich, Larkin nor Harkins came from as far back or accomplished quite as much as Pastor.

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THREE great young colored scrappers, all of whom, oddly enough, weigh almost exactly the same, are in a photo finish as far as outstanding records of the year go. This terrific trio comprises Ray Robinson, Bob Montgomery, and California or Cleveland Jackie Wilson. Not one of these boys lost a bout up to December, 1941. After close examination of the records, most unbiased critics are inclined to give former Olympic flyweight Wilson, a slight edge.

Robinson fought more often and was equally devastating but the calibre of Wilson's opponents on the average was higher, and not one of them gave him a really close bout, whereas Ray had to step on the gas to edge out Marty Servo and Fritzie Zivic. Only three of Wilson's twelve foes lasted the limit in 1941.

While Montgomery too was undefeated over the year, his kayo record, despite the one rounder over Davey Day, was not as impressive as either Wilson's or Robinson's. His margin of superiority is closer than the next second but Wilson seems to deserve the honor of being called the boxer with the year's outstanding record.

While none of the three shows any overwhelming desire to do so, Robinson, Wilson, and Montgomery will probably have reduced the light and welter divisions to such a state by spring, they will have to meet each other and this should be something to see.

If Ray Robinson is forced to make a doubtful concession to Jackie Wilson as far as outstanding records are concerned, none can deny Ray's complete domination over all fighters for rapid advancement. A prelim boxer on the first Armstrong-Zivic card just a little over a year ago, the Harlem tap dancer, cycloned through the ranks of his rivals to wind up on the welterweight title-holder's doorstep, as 1942 clarions in. Along the route, Ray, getting better every bout, swept past Sammy Angott, N.B.A. lightweight king, and ex-welter kingpin Fritzie Zivic. Few boxers in ring history have rivalled Robinson's rapid rise.

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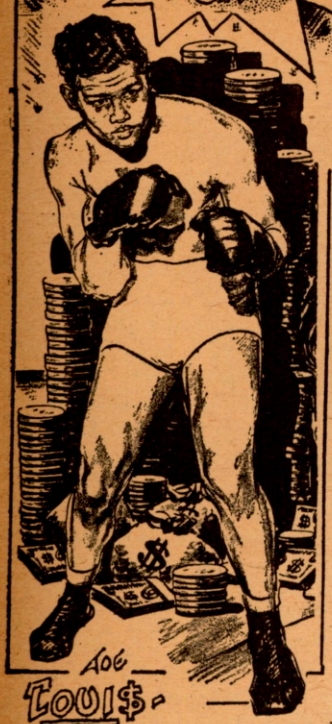
WHENEVER the subject of power punching comes to the fore, the shadow of Joe Louis seems to envelop everything. For the first time in years, the Bomber is confronted by a man whose lethal powers apparently equal his.

Judging both by the only yardstick available, common opponents, Lem Franklin must be rated over Joe as a socker, at least as far

STANDOUTS OF '41 -

BIGGEST CARD!



A06 LOUI$ - OF COURSE! HIS BOUTS DREW MORE THAN A MILLION $$ IN 1941...

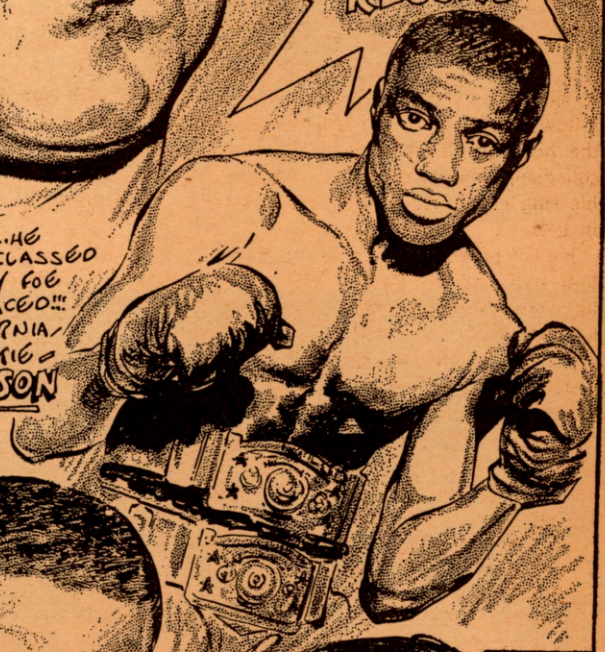
BEST COMEBACK

-Bob- -PASTOR- ...HIS COMEBACK MARKED BY THE THOMPSON AND BECKWITH WINS... WAS A 1941 HIGHLIGHT!!...

BEST MANAGER

...TAKE A BOW!... JAMES J. JOHNSTON...

BEST RECORD



...HE OUTCLASSED EVERY FOE HE FACED!!! -CALIFORNIA- -JACKIE- WILSON

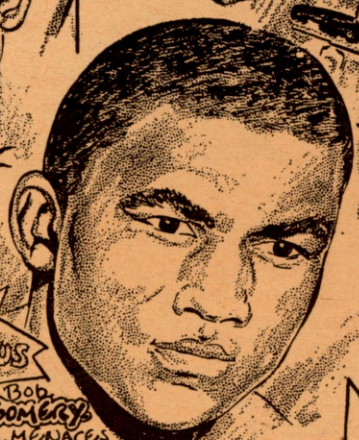
MOST SURPRISING!

(Red) -COCHRANE- ...TOOK THE WELTER TITLE FROM ZIVIC IN THE 1941 SHOCKER!!

BEST TITLE DEFENSE

(Gus) -LESNEVICH- ...HIT A NEW HIGH. BEATING TAMI MAURIELLO!!

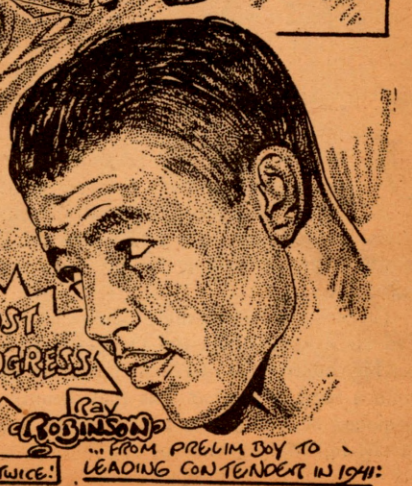
MOST DANGEROUS



Bob -MONTGOMERY- ...MENACES 2 TITLES.. Light & Welter!!...

BEST PUNCHER Lem.. FRANKLIN-BEAT LOUIS K.O. TIME..TWICE!

MOST PROGRESS



(Ray) -ROBINSON- ...FROM PRELIM BOY TO LEADING CONTENDER IN 1941!

as 1941 achievements go. The time required by each in disposing of the same men is too much in the Clevelander's favor to be laughed off.

Musto struggled through nine torpid sessions with Louis. He was on the floor 3 times against Lem before calling it a night in the second.

Big Abe Simon was picking himself off the canvas every round until his demise in the fifth, the same Abe who lasted 13 with the Dark Angel from Detroit.

Of course, to rate Franklin a better puncher than Louis over Joe's entire career, would be out of order, as the Clevelander has still to prove it, but on what happened during the single year of 1941, the laurels belong to large Lemuel.

If Franklin continues to stand up and the Bomber and the Cleveland clouter ever meet, what a fistic upheaval that will be!

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SADLY enough everyone admits, that handsome Jimmy Webb was the biggest disappointment of the year, the good looking boy from Texas, by way of St. Louis, indeed met a sorry fate. Following his knockout of Tommy Tucker, all kinds of great things were predicted for the dark-haired youngster. There were mutterings and mumblings here and there that Webb stood up none too well under a hard punch, but disregarding these warnings Chris Dundee, who should have known better, turned a deaf ear to the implorings of nervous Mike Jacobs, and fed his wonder boy to dangerous Mose Brown of Pittsburgh at a time when Webb was matched to meet Lesnevich for the title.

Chris had seen old Ken Overlin's fantastic style of milling make a sucker out of Mose and figured Webb could do the same. But Young Man Mose wasn't dead. He wasn't even sleeping, and the first Webb-Brown bout was the opener of one of the strangest series ever heard of. The pair met twice after Brown stopped the Texan the first time, and Mose knocked out Webb both times, making it 3 straight and closing one of the strangest episodes in boxing history. There is no known instance of a fighter being knocked out three times running by the same man, in ring annals. Anyway that was the end of Jimmy Webb and at last reports he was working back in Texas.

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THERE is considerable difference of opinion as to the best title performance of the year by a champion. A slight majority declares for Gus Lesnevich's title retaining match with Tami Mauriello after all returns are in. Louis, there's that man again, was successful every time out in his 6 title defenses, but the consensus is that in none of these did Joe equal some of his red letter days, or nights, of the past.

On the other hand, Lesnevich, while no Louis, showed form far superior to anything he had ever flashed before, turning back young, hard-hitting, strong, game and combative Tami Mauriello on Nov. 19. Everyone agreed that Gus was a real champion that night.

Fritzie Zivic was more than adequate in his second setto with Armstrong last winter, Louis Salica, was downright heroic retaining his title against Tommy Forte, last summer, but Gus is the people's choice as the champion who looked best defending his crown in 1941.

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FROM the title-holders' standpoint, the most dangerous and threatening figure in the ring as 1941 fades out, is Bobcat Bob Montgomery, the obstreperous young man from Philadelphia. Both the light and welterweight champions must keep a wary eye on Bobbie, for he looks equally dangerous in both divisions.

There were considerable doubts as to Bob's ability to do 135 and be strong. When the Quakertown fighter came in at 136½ for his catchweight match with Mike Kaplan and proved stronger than a herd of elephants at that demure poundage, all suspicions vanished regarding the rangy slugger's ability to be at his best at the lightweight limit of 135.

His Kaplan match also established Montgomery as among the top contenders for the welter crown, and he further advanced himself as a ranking 147 pound challenger, when he disposed of Davey Day in less than a round. As the only fighter around at the moment who rates as a genuine threat to two titles, the Bobcat looks like a 1942 danger signal to both light and welter titleholders.

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NOT only the boxing game but the entire world of sport witnessed no surprise like underrated Red Cochrane's ascent to the welterweight throne. The Jerseyman's victory over Fritzie Zivic, a plenty decisive one by the way, rates as one of the greatest upsets since David licked Goliath. Even Cochrane's Jersey neighbors, as a rule a blindly partisan lot, thought so little of his chances that they stayed away in droves and the promoters took a worse licking than either fighter.

A few curious New Yorkers wandered over to watch Fritzie take target practice on the local bumpkin, so they thought. Even Fritzie himself took the whole thing so lightly that he did not train as hard as he could have. Everybody was stunned therefore, when Fritzie left the Ruppert Stadium ring, an ex-champion and a pretty well whipped one at that on the evening of July 29th.

What everyone overlooked was that Cochrane was finding himself in the usual tardy fashion so common to the Celtic race. A hapless warrior for a long time, the red head, like M'Tigue, Braddock, Tunney, and other great Irishmen before him, has started rolling at a late stage of his career.

He had been showing much improvement all along for a year or so prior to the Zivic match and his career reached a crashing crescendo that particular evening. Watch for further surprises from Cochrane in the future as a title usually works wonders with a fighter's form.

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OLD Pittsburgh Jackie Wilson's win over Richie Lemos and his acquisition of the N.B.A. version of the featherweight crown caused a raised eyebrow here and there but this was not to be classed with Cochrane's triumph. Wilson after all had been rated among the world's best featherweights for years, and although over 30 years old, still retains so many guileful ring tricks that he is capable of whipping almost anyone in his division.

In non-titular squabbles, Coley Welch's kayo of hard-to-lick Izzy Jannazzo was a real upset, equally startling was sawed off Boom-Boom Mancini's win over canny Dave Castilloux, one of the toughest problems in any class, and the Canadian champ in both light and welterweight divisions. This was a real upset as the French Canuck had been bowling along at a remarkable rate, and stocky Boom Boom's primitive style seemed tailored to order for his bag of ring tricks. Things proved otherwise and the Boom Boom returned to New York a surprising victor over the competent Canadian in his own bailiwick.

Tommy Tucker's knockout of Johnny Colan, amazed nearly everyone although some keen observers had predicted that this underrated heavyweight would prove a tough hurdle for the 20 year old 167 pounder. Colan was forced to halt because of a deep cut in the ninth.

After all is said and done, Cochrane's victory topped them all.

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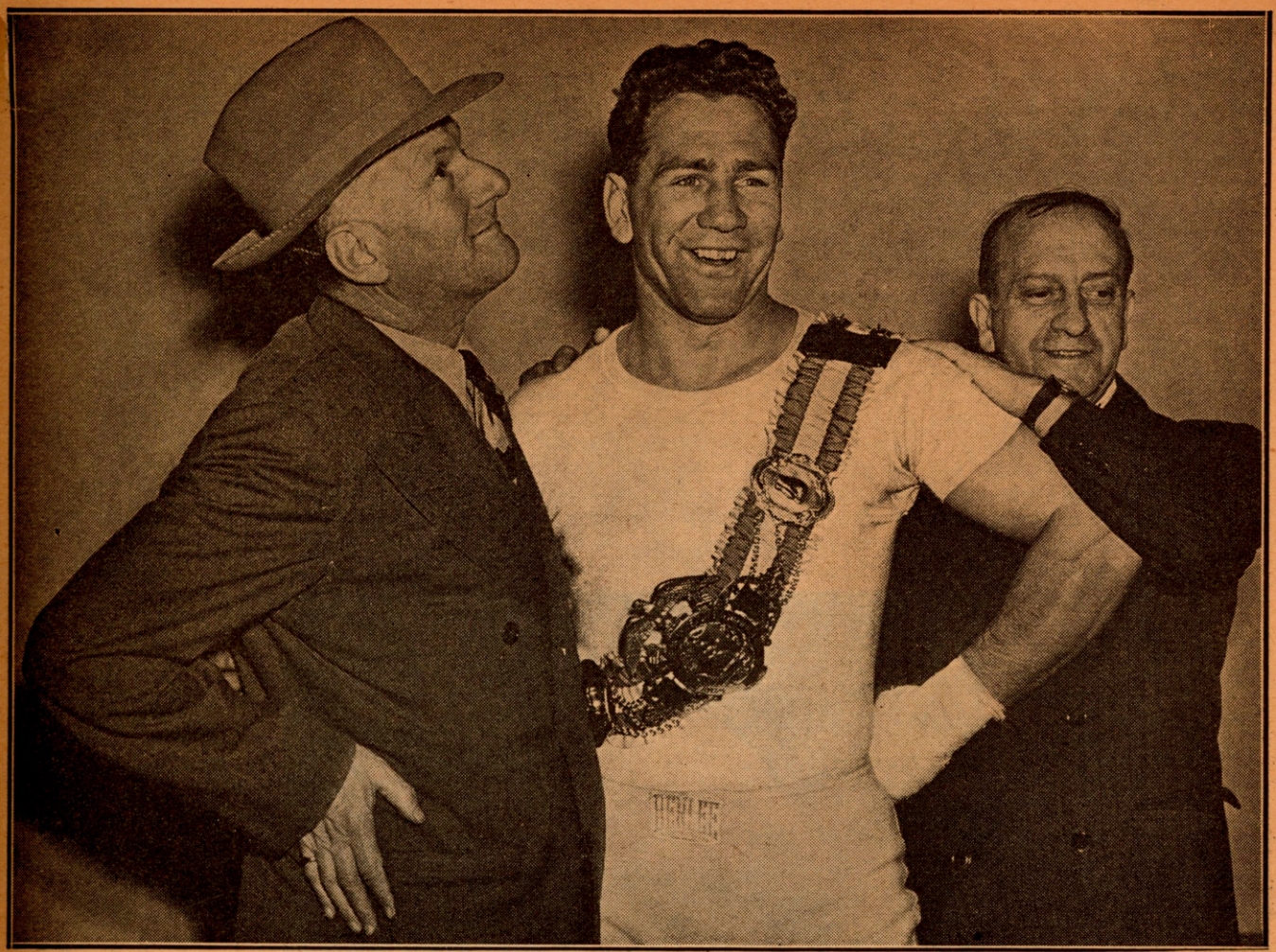
IT'S nothing new to find Jimmy Johnston leading the manager's parade for 1941. A dissenter here and there is inclined to look aslant at Jimmy's judgment in putting Abe Simon in with Lem Franklin with a Louis bout in the offing, but as usual Jaunty James has an answer for that one. "If you take a look at the records," cackles the erstwhile Boy Bandit, "you'll see that my Abe got as much for the Franklin match as he did for the shot with Louis and I always thought a manager's real job is to get as much dough for his fighter as he can," concludes James, turning to feast his eyes on a desk photo of his beautiful daughter Vonnie which brightens up his 15th floor office like a burst of sunrise after a long dark night.

Johnston continued to bewilder his contemporaries with his ability to rehabilitate driftwood of *(Continued on page 45)*



Gus Lesnevich, exhibiting the smile of happiness as Nat Fleischer, Editor of THE RING *decorates him with* THE RING *Belt awarded him when he became the undisputed possessor of the world light-heavyweight championship after whipping Anton Christoforidis, the National Boxing Association champion, and then twice took the measure of Tami Mauriello, the outstanding contender named by New York and the N.B.A. It was the 106th belt given by* THE RING *since 1922.*

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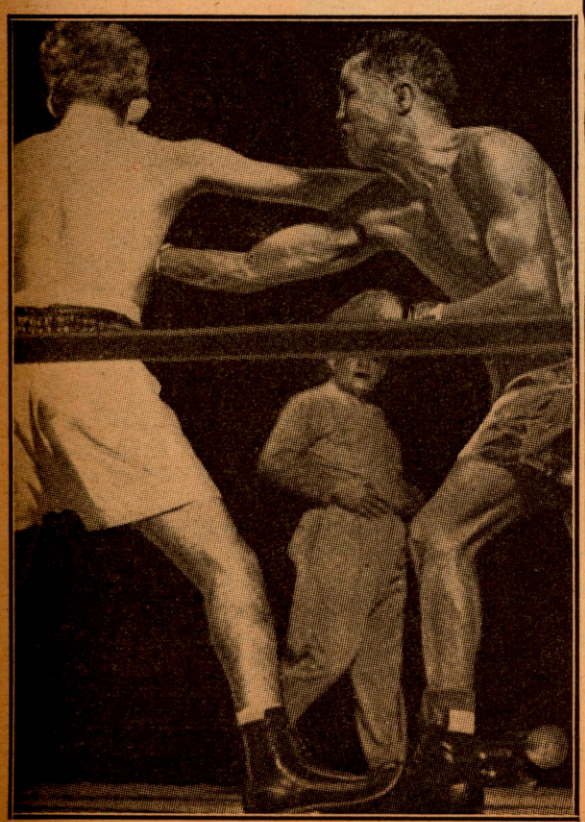
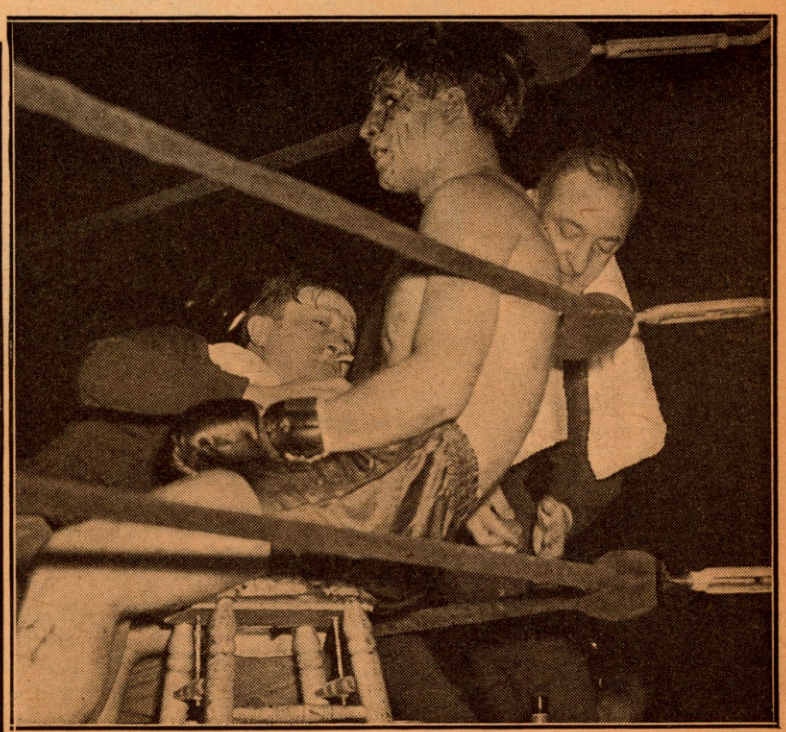




(Above) Johnny Colan, eye badly cut, is unable to come out for the ninth round in his bout with Tommy Tucker, a severe setback for the rising young light-heavyweight. (On left) Pittsburgh Jackie Wilson evades Richie Lemos' right and counters with a right in Los Angeles bout that won for Jackie the N.B.A. featherweight crown.

HAIL *the* CONQUEROR

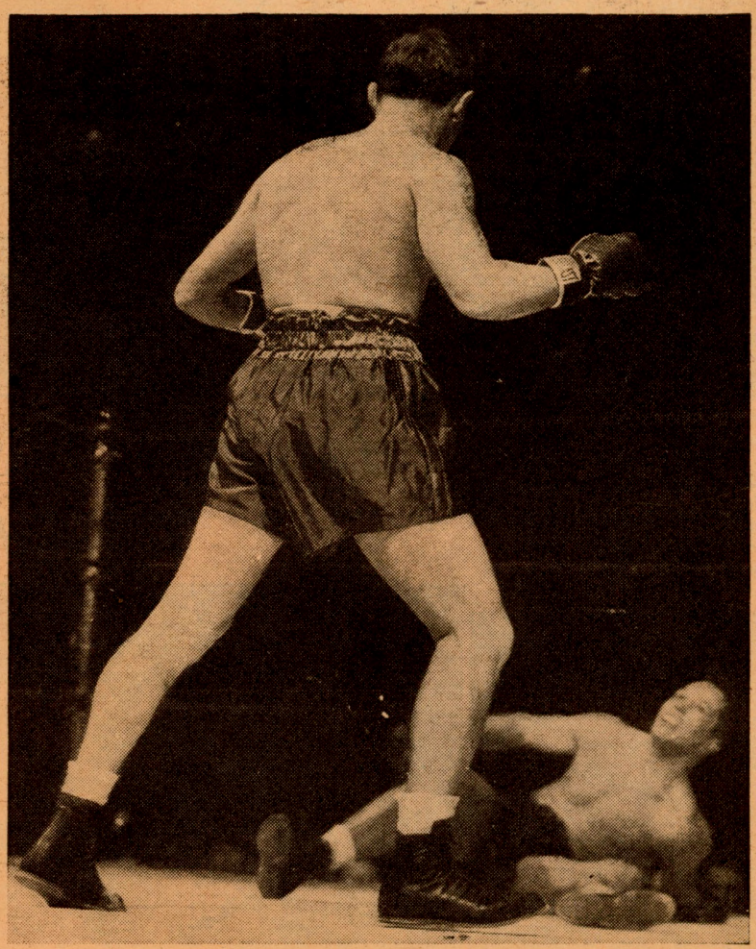
Middleweight Division Has First Undisputed Champion Since Mickey Walker—Tony Zale Exhibits Terrific Punching Power in Vanquishing Georgie Abrams

By "THE RING" EDITOR

IT took ten years to clear up the middleweight muddle and now for the first time since Mickey Walker abdicated the throne back in 1931, there's an undisputed boss of the 160-pounders. His name is Tony Zale, christened Anthony Florian Zaleski and he hails from Gary, Indiana. For two years he has been the National Boxing Association's champion, but until he smothered Georgie Abrams, a member of the U. S. Naval Air Base at Jacksonville, Florida, with blows that left their mark in huge red blotches every time they landed, he was unable to gain universal recognition. But there can be no doubt now as to who is the boss of the division.

Zale convincingly proved before a gathering of 10,004 persons who had paid $23,854.00 in Madison Square Garden on the night of November 28, that he is the king. Though his margin of victory on round by round score was not big, a margin of one on my count, he was so far superior in clouting power and so big did he lead in the sessions in which he had forged ahead, that not a dissenting voice was heard when Harry Balough announced him the newly crowned champion of the world.

Tony, a throwback to the old school, composed of fighters who took one blow to land one, who tore in relentlessly, banging away at the target to get home the telling wallop, proved to my satisfaction and that of most of the crowd that he is the hardest body hitter, the most punishing socker that has come before the public in a decade or more. He is a reminder of Mickey Walker, Ace Hudkins and Stanley Ketchel. In fact, many who had seen this trio in their prime, left convinced that Tony carries into the ring many of the assets of each and as such a combination fighter, he rates with the outstanding clouting demons of the past.



It wasn't all gravy for the winner. Here Zale is down in the first round beautiful right hook dropped him for a count of nine.

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ABRAMS had no defense for the pulverizing blows sent his way. He, like Zale, fought a great battle, but he couldn't cope with the superior hitting power of the N.B.A.'s nomination for world honors. In fifteen rounds of hectic fighting the like of which had not been seen in a Garden mill in many moons, Zale gave the fight fans a treat such as they seldom get on fight nights. Those who were fortunate to attend, won't miss any of Tony's fights when he makes further appearances in New York. The New Yorkers saw him once when as a Golden Glover he faced Melio Bettina in the Garden as a substitute for Joe Louis, and they'll be mighty glad to get more of him from now on.

It was a fight in which both boys whanged away at every opportunity. It was give-and-take and no quarters asked. What amazed the gathering, was that Abrams, the gob who whipped Billy Soose three times and forced him to retire from the division, could stand up under the belting.

When the smoke of battle had ended, it was learned that Abrams had suffered a serious eye injury, with a bad hemorrhage of the cornea of the right eye, covering the pupil. He had been totally blind on that side since the third round, and that accounts for the many right hand punches that found their mark to Georgie's body that ordinarily would have been checked before they could have taken effect.

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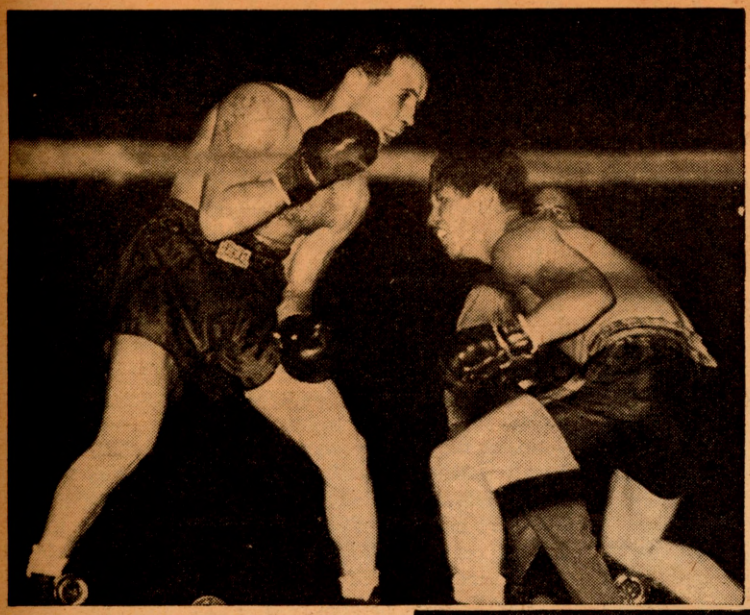
FOLLOWING the poor showing of Al Hostak in his fight with Ken Overlin the week before, the fight fans were skeptical about the calibre of Zale, another Westerner and that was the cause of the poor attendance, but they'll never feel that way again after the glowing reports in the newspapers and from the eye witnesses of Tony's fighting qualities. They'll come out in droves when he fights Billy Conn in a handicap match on February 13.

Zale didn't find things one-sided. He got plenty for what he gave, and though he didn't show the signs of wear and tear as did the loser, he had to be confined to bed the day following his victory. It was Tony's determination, his ability to land with effectiveness on the unguarded portions of Abrams' body won the undisputed crown for him.

The lad who made his debut as a fighter as a steel worker, had some of that steel in his makeup when he fought Abrams. He needed it because in his rival, he found an opponent equally determined, never flinching under the severest of attacks, a fighter who not only could jab well, but contrary to expectations, even exhibited a punch, something for which he has never been known.

He surprised even himself in the first round when he let go a beautiful right hook that crashed against the chin of Zale, and Tony hit the canvas for a count of nine. It seemed then that the



His right eye shut, unable to see for twelve rounds, Georgie Abrams (left), exhibited the qualities of a fighting man, which he is, in going through fifteen rounds to lose the decision to Zale. Here we see Abrams trying to protect himself from a left hook which Tony is about to toss and Georgie sees coming.

fight would end early and that another Western bloomer had been foisted on the New York public, but Zale proved he was made of sterner stuff. He not only got off the floor, but came back with a bang and from then on to the finish, he demonstrated to the satisfaction of all that he was everything his managers, Sam Pian and Art Winch, the team that brought out the great Barney Ross, had said about the steel worker.

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AGAIN in the eighth round when Abrams came through with a sure-shot sleep-producing wallop that caused Zale to reel around the ring like a kid on a merry-go-round. But Tony regained his balance before Abrams could shoot across another punch, probably the decisive one and thereafter Tony had things well in hand.

His recuperative powers amazed Georgie, who for the moment, looked on in wonderment, asking himself, how come he didn't go back! But shortly after, the crowd kept asking a similar question, how come that Abrams was able to stand on his feet under such a terrific bombardment of punches to the ribs and mid-section that would have felled the ordinary light-heavyweight.

In the sixth round, Zale crashed the most perfect solar plexus blow to Abram's body it has been my fortune to see in many years, but when Abrams winced, tossed his hands downward and gasped for breath, he fooled the referee, Billy Cavanagh, who was not in proper position to see that the punch had landed safely, and what proved by far the best and most effective round of the fight for Zale, was taken from him and awarded to Abrams on a "foul".

Abrams had an edge in the first three rounds, and then when Zale's left crashed against George's right eye and partially blinded the tar, Abrams by degrees began to slip. While he took several rounds thereafter, and on my card, had an equal number to his credit, seven, with one even, Zale's margins were so far ahead of Georgie's, that there could be no question about the victor.

The one factor that prevents Zale from being dubbed a perfect fighter, is the fact that he has a Phil Scott chin. He can't take it there. But he can recover quickly. Yet that weakness may prove his undoing if he clashes with a clever jabber, like Conn, who is also a good puncher. In all other respects, Tony is a fighting demon.

The seventh and eighth rounds were two of the best with honors split, Abrams taking one and Tony the other by a hairline. But from the eighth to the finish, it became obvious that Tony had the number of the tar and it was just a question of how much body punishment Abrams could absorb.

Abrams came back with a bang in the fourteenth and took the round by a small margin but it was all Tony's in the final canto. Zale won the title, and THE RING belt because he was able to wear down his man.

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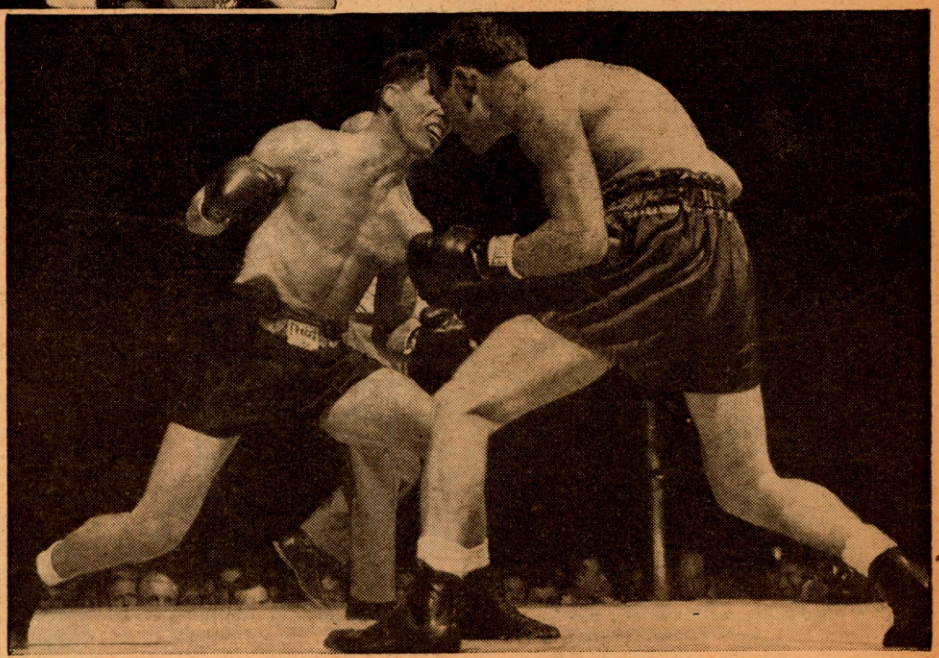
TO Abe Green, president of the N.B.A., who engineered the settlement of the light-heavyweight and middleweight division and to Mike Jacobs, whose whole-hearted cooperation made it possible to stage the contests that by degrees, after years of confusion, are restoring order to boxing, we doff our hat.



Slugging it out, toe-to-toe that's the kind of fighting the Garden spectators saw round after round in the thrilling middleweight championship bout between George Abrams (right) and Tony Zale.

Well done, gentlemen, keep up the good work—one champion to a division is sufficient.

Our compliments also to Nat Rogers, matchmaker for Mike Jacobs, whose efficient work has enabled the Garden fans to see so many thrillers since he took the helm. It is such fights as the Zale-Abrams, and the Vigh-Lou Schwartz which headlined the card, that do such good for the sport. Let's have more of these.

The day following the Zale-Abrams contest, I awarded to the winner THE RING's middleweight championship belt. It has rested in THE RING museum for four years now, awaiting an undisputed owner and now it is in the trophy room of Tony Zale. It was the second belt given by THE RING Editor in seven days, and the 107th since 1922. Previously Gus Lesnevich got one and now Freddie Cochrane will receive the 108th.

Thus the romance of the ring is kept alive and an incentive for such fighting as was seen in the Zale-Abrams fight, is provided. So eager was Zale for his trophy, that he couldn't be restrained from calling on me, to receive the award before he left for Gary, Indiana where he wanted to display it during a celebration tossed in his honor by the city. That's what THE RING belts mean to the fighters.

BOXING IS POPULAR

By TOM EPHREM *and* MARK FANNON

Freddie Cochrane, welterweight champion, stationed at Newport, Naval Base.

DOWN at the United States Naval Air Base, in Jacksonville, Florida, one of the brightest heavyweight prospects in the game today, teaches physical instruction with five other nationally known fighters, to the scrappy sons of Uncle Sam's Navy. The hopeful youngster is Frankie Poreda and his pals in teaching, are Cal Cagni, Tommy Tucker, Steve Belloise, Al Nettlow and Georgie Abrams, the newly crowned world middleweight king. They compromise the prize crew that Lt. Commander Gene Tunney, former (retired) heavyweight champion, selected to see duty at the Jacksonville Base.

Young Poreda, brother of the former heavyweight contender, Stanley Poreda, is under management of Bill Reppenhagen, the same "Reppy", who guided Big Brother Stan, to the third place slot in the same division. Stanley, it will be recalled, defeated such fellows as Tommy Loughran, Ernie Schaaf, Johnny Risko and Primo Carnera.

Manager Reppenhagen is sold on the latest of the Fighting Poredas. He believes the youngest of the clan is better advanced in the science of the game than was Stanley. That's covering plenty of territory, but Bill should know and he wouldn't be kidding his charge, if it weren't so.

Even Big Stan admits it and feels justly proud to come out with a say-so. Let's have a back glance on Frankie's life.

Born in Jersey City, New Jersey, he attended the High School of Commerce in New York City and took up Journalism, his favorite subject. He served on the school's paper, writing news of all sorts, as well as sports.

It was fun for him, as he found particular interest in assignments interviewing celebrities. He knew Bob Pastor as well as Bob knows himself, and wrote on Ozzie Nelson, after meeting the Rutgers boy who became an ace among American band leaders. There were stories on bankers and judges, but nothing seemed to appeal more to him than a pair of boxing gloves.

So, at the Pioneer Gym, in New York City, Frankie keenly watched them all in gym drills. Carefully studying styles, jabs, hooks, and uppercuts, he practised them in his spare moments. Then at the home town gym, Stanley handed out valuable pointers to his kid brother as did Joe Jeannette, one of the real greats of the game.

Gene Tunney, likewise was among those who seemed impressed with the youngster's "natural ability". Even Mike Jacobs. But in all, there was the lovable, guidable old soul of Bill Reppenhagen. Feeling that his boy was ready, he took his charge into the local ring and saw him come through with a knockout as a starter for his career.

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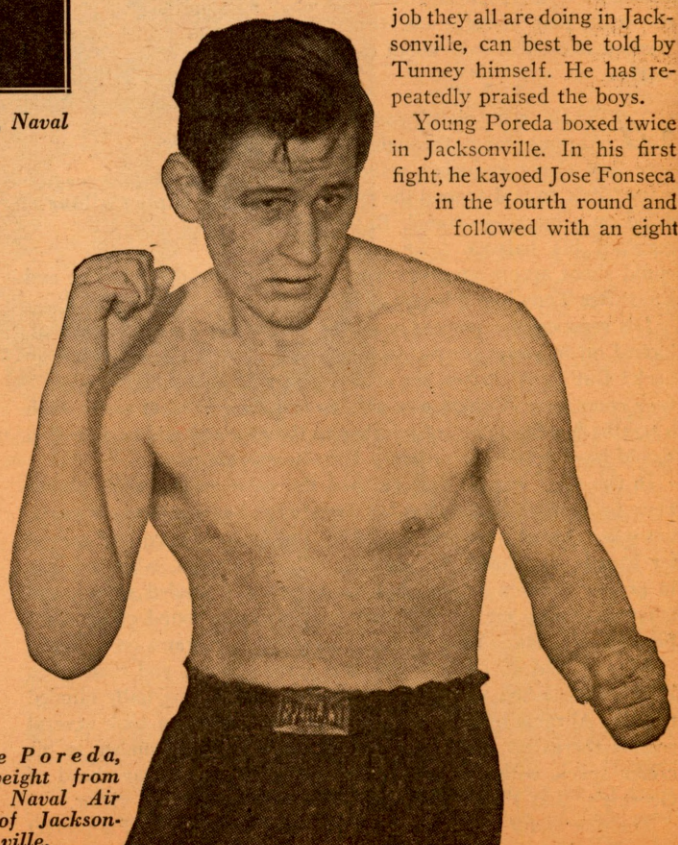
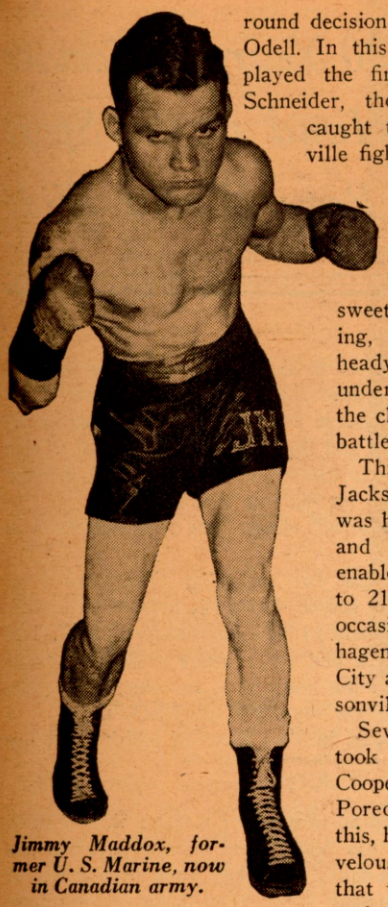
FIGHT after fight—totaling 21, found the hopeful lad copping 19 of them, with 15 ending via the knockout route, and gave New Jersey another fistic rage. Then, Gene Tunney, a Lt. Commander in the Navy, felt that the American Sailor was in dire need of proper physical exercise and carefully selected clean-cut boxing lads who would influence and benefit their fans in fitness for any and all preparedness. So, Al Nettlow, Tommy Tucker, Steve Belloise, Georgie Abrams and Frankie Poreda became the first group called into Service and what a wonderful job they all are doing in Jacksonville, can best be told by Tunney himself. He has repeatedly praised the boys.

Young Poreda boxed twice in Jacksonville. In his first fight, he kayoed Jose Fonseca in the fourth round and followed with an eight



Frankie Poreda, heavyweight from U. S. Naval Air Base of Jacksonville.

In Service Camps



Jimmy Maddox, former U. S. Marine, now in Canadian army.

round decision over the ring-wise Benny Odell. In this latter fight, Frankie displayed the finest left hand since Ray Schneider, then under Mannie Begal, caught the fancy of the Jacksonville fight fans.

Poreda's boxing style is causing many a murmur. For a 195 pound boy, he moves very lightly on his feet, with that sweet left hand flashing bruising, stiff jabs and hooks. A heady fighter, he behaves nicely under fire. This was seen in the closing cantoes in the Odell battle.

This bout took place at the Jacksonville Stadium, which was headlined by Steve Belloise and Raul Carrabantes, and enabled him to total his victories to 21 in 23 combats. On both occasions, Manager Reppenhagen left his business in Jersey City alone and trekked to Jacksonville to be with his boy.

Several months ago, Poreda took on experienced Henry Cooper and in a slam-bang bout, Poreda emerged victorious. In this, he further displayed a marvelous left hand. It was his left that won the fight! This fight took place in Newark's Laurel Garden.

Then Frankie lost a ten round decision to the capable war horse, Buddy Knox in the same city, but according to Frankie, he gained good knowledge in this and says the loss did him more good than harm.

Promoter Jimmy Finley, of Jacksonville, who was one of the finest fighters ever developed from the South, thinks highly of Frankie's chances in the future. At present, Finley, who has just started the pro shows at the Armory, is trying for a Frankie Poreda-Tommy Gomez fight, which should do plenty to see boxing come back in this city.

A win over Gomez, would gain wide publicity for the sailor boy, as Gomez is one of the hottest fighters in the game. The six feet 1 inch sailor, with confidence one of his chief factors, had this to say to Tom Ephrem, The Ring's correspondent for the South:

"The longing to master my brother's boxing style and combined with the ardent love for the game, were chiefly instrumental in starting me off as a boxer". The Jacksonville Navy fighter has a wonderful chance to reach his goal. His record now stands: 22 wins in 25 battles. Good, eh, boys!

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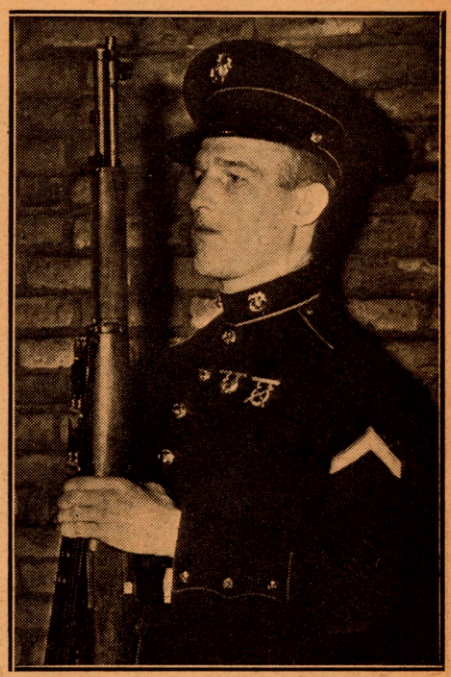
THAT The Ring travels far and wide, and that the publication is highly regarded in all branches of the service, American and Canadian, is obvious from the many letters the writer has received from servicemen thanking The Ring for the work it is doing to aid morale among the enlisted men. From Calgary, Canada, came an interesting letter from a former U. S. Marine, a young man who not only served four years in that honored branch of the service but did nobly as a wielder of his fists in professional ring combats.

His name is Jimmy Maddox. He will be remembered as one of the outstanding Marine pugilists of the last decade. Jimmy, who is a buddy of Lew Jenkins, has a peeve on his former pal because he declares "the champion's actions are detrimental to the sport which I love, and the quicker Lew loses the lightweight crown, the better for boxing."

Maddox did quite a bit of fighting in China and Panama, and now is doing good ring work for his new outfit, in the Royal Canadian Army in which he recently enlisted with the hopes that he will see overseas service. Maddox was a fine amateur before he turned pro. He fought in several tournaments staged by Les Showers and Dick Russell and as a U. S. Marine, he engaged in 37 pro battles, winning most of them. Now in Canada, he already has chalked up six victories. The Marines down in Florida, a number of whom served with Maddox, are rooting for his continued success. He would like to hear from some of his old buddies. His address is R.C.A.B.C. "CA", Calgary, Canada.



Garvey "Lefty" Young, marine from Charleston Naval Base, first fighter to join the service.

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STILL another Marine who is making the grade, is Garvey "Lefty" Young, a fine prospect. If Garvey Young is a sample of what Uncle Sam will have to offer in the armed forces, then all we can say, is, give us more. With men like Poreda, Cal Cagni, Nettlow, Abrams, Belloise, Tucker, Apostoli, Speary, Mark Cohn, Gomez, Giovanelli, among the hundred or more pro boxers now wearing the service uniform, the enemies of our land had better think twice before they seek trouble. The presence of these men in the various camps, has aided morale among the boys. The Commandants of the various camps fully realize the great, fine influence professional fighters have among their comrades, and because of that, they encourage boxing as a form of entertainment. They also realize the great influence for good The Ring has, and that's why this publication has gained in leaps and bounds in circulation at the camps. It is the most popular magazine among the service men.

Garvey Young looks anything but a fighter as one views him in his trim Marine uniform. No, indeed. He looks more like a college boy than the tough leather tosser that he is. Fair of face, handsome, and a bit on the frail side, he doesn't give a hint of the powerful socking he possesses.

Garvey is formerly from Akron, Ohio, but is now stationed at the Charlestown Naval Base. He is the first professional fighter to join the colors. Since this move, the welterweight championship of all the armed forces was won by him.

Since seeing him, Boston fans are going for him in a big way. His first opponent in the Hub was Eddie Ellis, colored star, who for months had been begging for a shot at Mike Kaplan's title. Ellis had never heard the count. Even Charley Burley, though hitting Ellis with every blow in the book, failed to put him away.

But the Marine, Garvey "Lefty" Young tried for the body—just two blows—and those two left uppercuts *(Continued on page 43)*

Nat FLEISCHER says:

RING Magazine Completes 20 Years of Service Has Acted As Protecting Hand to the Sport Its Help to Boxing Has Been World Wide

WITH this issue, THE RING completes 20 years of happily uninterrupted service in the field of boxing, —and in the allied activity of wrestling. Started in a small and modest way as a thin and anaemic publication which did not pretend to cover much more than the Eastern field, THE RING soon outgrew the format, the intentions, the original scope of this editor, who has been in command of its columns and its policies ever since this magazine was born.

Other publications have come,—and they have gone. In the literature of boxing, they proved mere ephemera. But THE RING was, from the very start,—and will continue to be,—not just a collection of sheets of printed matter bound up between colored covers. THE RING has been a psychology, a mission, a spirit, a tremendous movement for the good and welfare of the sport.

No sport so badly needs a protecting and guiding magazine as does boxing. It is the much maligned game, all the time. But its greatest foes are not those who stand on the outside, yapping as does the dog at the moon, not knowing why the moon is, or why they yap.

The most serious enemies of boxing are the borers from within, the deadly termites who, if not exterminated, would eat up the supporting structure and leave us with a sad wreck, indeed.

To kill the termites, 41 of our states organized commissions. There also are municipal commissions. But it is the sour experience of this editor that the commissions not always have the logical and correct slant on situations. Commissions, in the main, have been doing a good service and it is not the intention of this editor to attack them. We need them. Boxing is much the better for these legislative officials.

But THE RING has found a field for criticism and a source of trouble even among the Commissions, because some of those named to these bodies lack boxing background; they lack a complete sense of the importance of eternal vigilance; and they sometimes cannot forget their political origins.

There also are commissioners who have an inordinate, almost insane desire for publicity. They are daffy about their names in the paper.

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SO you see the demand for a magazine like THE RING is tremendous, and THE RING has done its level best to fill that need. Money, threats, favoritism—they never have swayed the Editor from carrying out what he thought was the proper policy to pursue in the interest of boxing.

THE RING does not go out of its way to make enemies. The editor is human, and he has a human penchant for friendships and amity.

But never in its 20 years of life has THE RING overlooked a wrong thing in world boxing,—never has it condoned the thing that would hurt the game and cast reflections on those in it.

This policy quite often has led to disputes, to acrimonies, to the acquisition of enemies who figured they were more powerful than the fight for the right which was typified by this magazine. But they come, and they go,—and now THE RING is about to enter on its twenty first year of service, of entertainment, of information, of vigilance, of fighting for the right no matter who may be on the other side.

THE RING always has tried to be a perfect link between the man in the seats and the contestant in the roped square. It has tried to be the ideal link between the public and the commission; between the governing body and the fighter. In short, the mission of this magazine has taken in every phase of the sport, in every corner of the world where boxing has flourished.

This world-wide coverage has meant vast expenditures—vast for this organization.

This battling for the right has meant at times limited resources. But the public has sensed what this magazine has been trying to do, and with the help of that appreciative public, THE RING has fought through the bad years, years of heavy financial losses and revelled through the good ones, to complete 20 years of service of which this editor says, HE IS PROUD.

There never has been a line in THE RING of which this editor is ashamed.

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THERE never has been an attitude or a stand of THE RING for which this editor has been forced to apologize. Not that we have not made our mistakes. But they have been errors of the heart and perhaps sentiment, rather than mistakes consciously entered into with the support of vicious things.

In summarizing the achievements of 20 years, THE RING also would like to state that it intends to go after the errors of the game as strong as ever.

In the field of public service, THE RING has catered not alone to its readers and the other onlookers. It has made every effort to strengthen the psychology of the fighter; to strengthen his attitude toward the sport; to make him realize that he is in a profession with a grand background—no place for hoodlums—a profession of which he should feel proud and conduct himself in a manner befitting a gentleman.

This editor has presented to boxers 130 belts. He has presented numerous medals. There have been 109 belt presentations to stand-out champions, others to section title-holders. The editor has been lavish with his belts, with his time, with his expenses in flying all over this country, Central and South America, to honor men who have done big things in the roped arena to aid boxing by his presence, to encourage amateurs in the field of pugilism and help legalize the sport in places boxing was taboo.

The editor plans to continue this policy. He hopes to make the next 20 years of THE RING bigger and better, even if he does not believe those 20 years could produce a greater jealousy for the right, a keener alertness, a stronger intention to exterminate the termites.

The editor congratulates boxing on the close of 20 years of service by THE RING. He felicitates the readers of THE RING on the completion of 20 years of service by THEIR magazine. He hopes, with the Almighty's help, to devote his time as he has during the past thirty-seven years to the interests of the greatest sport on earth—boxing.

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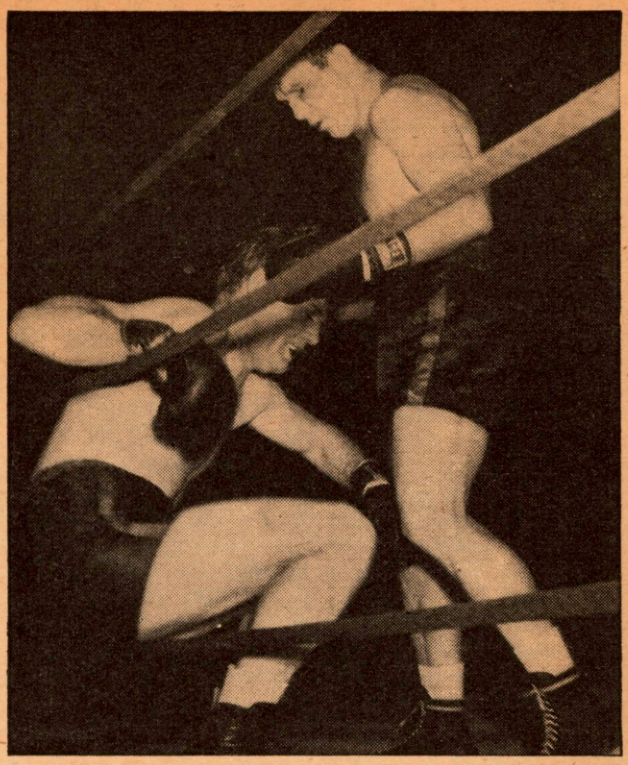
ONCE again we must extend our thanks on behalf of boxing to the newly elected president of the National Boxing Association, Abe Green, New Jersey's Boxing Commissioner, for his aid in clearing the middleweight muddle. And to Mike Jacobs,

whose wholehearted cooperation, he received, and to the New York Commission, for its fine work. By degrees, we are putting boxing back on its feet, free of entanglements, free of muddled situations, something this magazine has been fighting for these many years.

Green, without the aid of Jacobs, who in turn did his part to induce the New York Commission to use its good offices for the plan, could have done nothing. But Abe met the opposition more than half way. On behalf of the National Boxing Association, he gave New York every leeway in order to bring order out of chaos, and as we enter the year 1942, we can all give thanks to those who worked for boxing's benefit to give each division one champion.

The light-heavyweight section has been clarified. Gus Lesnevich is the world title-holder and his right to that crown, cannot be questioned.

The Middleweight class likewise has been shorn of its double championship and Georgie Abrams rules supreme. There again, there can be no doubt about the winner of the Zale-Abrams contest being the legitimate world king of the division.



Lee Savold, Des Moines heavyweight, down in the seventh round of his fight with Jack Marshall of Texas, regained his feet and managed to gain a ten-round decision over Marshall at the Olympia Stadium of Detroit, to win Frank Barbaro's "White Hope" tournament and the $9000 prize. Savold had Marshall on his knees in the final session. The decision was a split one, with Referee Hennessy and one judge voting for Lee and Judge Neville calling it a draw.

With the world in a turmoil, bloody strife carried on in all sectors, it is most gratifying to see the hatchet buried, and peace reign again in the field of pugilism. Now that Commissioner Green, Mike Jacobs and the New York Boxing Commission have cleared the path in the middleweight and light-heavyweight divisions, let's start the year off on the right foot by settling the featherweight controversy and by arranging an elimination to decide a world flyweight title-holder. Let's have a Wright-Wilson bout to decide featherweight supremacy, although Wright is the champion and would be the defender of the crown in such a bout.

While it is acknowledged by those who follow the sport that Jackie Paterson of England is the best of the flyweights, the fact that he is in the British service and that boxing in Europe is at a standstill, in fairness to those who are able to ply their trade without hindrance from Herr Hitler, a flyweight king should be decided upon on American soil. To this end, The Ring, which took the lead and fought valiantly for the settlement of the light-heavyweight and middleweight muddles until such time as Abe Green was able to force the issue to a conclusion, will offer a belt to decide the international championship if an elimination can be arranged in which Little Dado, Jackie Jurich and Little Pancho will figure, provided they still can make the limit. In their recent fights, not one of the flyweights so listed, has come within four pounds of the class limit.

The Ring is eager to get a world title-holder in this division and since California is the home of America's best, I hope the California Commission will cooperate with this publication in deciding the issue for The Ring belt. If an elimination can be staged, we will forget Paterson because of inactivity and the fact that it is impossible for him to fight America's leading talent. We will have him fight it out with our winner when the world conflict is over. At least, this is our aim and we hope to be able to carry it out with success as we did in the middleweight and light-heavyweight sections.

ALTHOUGH Gus Lesnevich is seeking bouts with the leaders of the heavyweight division, he has no intention of abdicating his throne, as did Billy Conn. He declares that he can make the light-heavyweight limit and will defend his title as often as there is a suitable opponent. All the chatter previous to the bout with Tami Mauriello in which the scribes declared that Gus would make his last stand as a light-heavyweight, win or lose, was mere poppycock.

"Nothing to it," said Lesnevich when he came to my office to present a watch for The Ring museum watch collection. "My only reason for entering the higher division temporarily, is to give the boys in my own class a chance to fight it and produce a challenger.

"With Mauriello out of the way, Johnny Colan licked by Tommy Tucker, Booker Beckwith outclassed by Bob Pastor, only Mose Brown fits into the picture as a challenger and to make a bout with him worth while, he will have to eliminate Beckwith, Tucker and Mauriello. In the meantime, I think I'm deserving of a chance to pick up a little change by clashing with a few of the big shots among the ranking heavyweights. No one will begrudge me that," said the champ.

Gus is happy over his Mauriello triumph. The title means a lot to him. It took him years of tough fighting to reach the goal of his ambition and if proper training and care taking can keep him in his class, he intends to hold on to his crown as long as he can.

Like Braddock, Lesnevich had to deny himself many things to gain attention in the ever-changing scheme of things in the pugilistic world. For something like nine years Gus struggled and struggled to gain a place of prominence in the boxing world. He travelled far and wide, but got little but experience for his troubles. When now and then a defeat came his way, Gus never lost faith in himself. He lived by that old adage, "if at first you don't succeed, try, try again."

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AS beneficial as was the advice silently handed Robert Bruce, of Scotland by that unflinching climbing spider, before Robert's conquest at Bannockburn, just as handy did the advice accepted by Gus Lesnevich come to him as he tried and tried to win that light-heavyweight title. A few times he was turned back, but he made another venture and in the final adjustment Gus gained his objective just as did Bruce and as did that spider when it hit its ceiling-high web.

It takes heart for a man to meet reverses and then plan ways and means to overcome them. The average guy sinks into despair and begins believing himself not the fellow for the job and gives up. Gus Lesnevich had the heart all right, an organ as big as the waist measurement of his co-manager, Lew Diamond. And he had those God-given physical qualities, improved by hard work to fill out the requisites necessary for a man to be tops in boxing.

The fortitude he has displayed in getting where he is, must be considered when that day comes when he may be in there fighting for the crown that Joe Louis wears today—and he thinks that some day, he will. If heart counts, Gus can't miss.

Starting off as a welterweight, Gus gained no great renown, not even in his own home town. Just another little guy trying to get along, they said. But they were not good prophets. Despite their rather discouraging tones, Gus kept on going. He grew into a middleweight and that class gained him nothing except bouts with some tough hombres. All the time he was learning. He was an apt pupil and when he became a full fledged 175-pound battler there was a noted improvement in his work. But he had not quite reached his peak when he had those two fifteen round bouts with the clever Billy Conn. Just the same, the fights were close and even the debonair Pittsburgh boy will say that no fighter ever gave him such trouble as did the dead-panned boy from New Jersey. Billy knew how good he was for he said when he relinquished the light-heavyweight championship to take on Joe Louis, that Gus Lesnevich was the best man in the class and probably would prove it. Conn proved himself a fine prophet for Gus made Billy's prophecy come true.

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THERE is no question that he is the best right now and ready to prove it when a worthy opponent shows up. That's for his managers, Joe Vella and Lew Diamond to decide and for Uncle Mike Jacobs to add his approval, since Gus has a contract with him.

But Gus is no great money-holder. He has to fight to live and try to dissolve that old "Bankrupt, Inc." as quickly as possible. So it is that he is going to keep on trying his hand with the bigger boys while waiting for that acceptable 175-pounder to appear.

The New Jerseyman has had a few trials with those big boys and came out with flying colors on each of the three occasions. He beat the efficient Nathan Mann, who was thought to be good enough for a shot at Joe Louis once and then stopped Jack Marshall, the Texan, and Henry Copper, the New York lad in the other bouts.

Gus likes to fight the big fellows. He thinks they are just made to order for him in that they are slower, don't think too fast and do a lot of floundering around before they can get their soporific punches in working order. He points to the fact that a good 180-pounder can take care of most of the behemoths of the ring and has history to bear him out in that Bob Fitzsimmons could handle the giants and that Tommy Burns was another who was not lost in the presence of the titans.

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KEN OVERLIN stepped a rung nearer a shot at the light-heavyweight championship, when in his first contest in that division, New York State's former middleweight king handed out a boxing lesson to hard-hitting Al Hostak from Seattle, former N.B.A. champion of the 165 pounders. Never in all the years of Ken's fighting, and that dates back some, did Overlin exhibit such remarkable ring work as he did in subduing Hostak. Facing a man whose record as a knockout artist is well known, Overlin gave such a classy performance that all who saw him praised him to the skies.

It was a lop-sided licking that Hostak took. So battered and bewildered was he, with only two of the ten rounds going to his credit, that when the smoke of battle was over, he announced his retirement. Two years ago, before he was taken into camp by Tony Zale who beat him for the N.B.A. crown, Mike Jacobs offered the loser a lucrative bout in New York to decide the matter of middleweight supremacy between him and Ceferino Garcia, but Al declined to come to New York, fearing he would not get a fair decision. But when he fought Overlin, it didn't require any close judging to decide the matter. He was licked shortly after the first round got under way, for he never had a chance against his scientific veteran.

Al, making his light-heavyweight debut and publicized as one of the hardest-punching middleweights since the days of Stanley Ketchel, couldn't get a hard wallop across more than half a dozen times, and when he did, splendid boxing on the part of his opponent, checkmated the Westerner and he just floundered around the ring unable to fathom Ken's style. Jabs and uppercuts kept Hostak at bay. Ken did a neat left-handed painting job on the face of his rival until the fans began to wonder if they really were seeing the great northwestern slugger or just a shadow.

While both contestants were billed as light-heavyweights and had definitely announced they would no longer compete as middleweights because they couldn't make the weight, neither scaled more than the average middleweight. Ken was 163½ pounds while Hostak came in at 162.

With Soose, another heavy middleweight entering the ranks of the light-heavies, Gus Lesnevich seeking competition among the heavyweights, Tami Mauriello proving himself a little short of class to be counted as a contender, and Johnny Colan shunted out of the picture by Tommy Tucker, it looks like a third session between Overlin and Soose, with the winner against a Tucker vs. Jimmy Bivins victor will bring forth the opponent for Gus Lesnevich for the champion's first defense of his crown.

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JOE LOUIS still regards Billy Conn as the best of the heavyweight contenders. In a statement in Arizona, he declared that Billy is the class of the division and named Buddy Baer as his second choice. In his first selection, the Brown Bomber has a load of supporters as was proved by the vast vote obtained by Billy Conn in THE RING's national survey. There are, of course, many who believe that Lem Franklin deserves that honor, but until Lem faces better opposition than to date and proves himself as classy a performer as Cobb, we'll stand by Billy. The one bout with Louis gained greater prestige for Conn than did the victories of Franklin over Musto, Simms, Bevins, Vinciquerra and Simon, gained for Lem. Not one in that lot figures with Conn.

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WHEN Pittsburgh's Jackie Wilson, a veteran pugilist who, as a world traveller, gained considerable experience in the Manly Art of Self Defense, conquered Richie Lemos, the N.B.A. featherweight king, in their bout at Los Angeles on November 18, he added to the list of Negroes who have come to the front in the past twelve months. While Jackie is a recognized title-holder in the forty-one states of the National Boxing Association, he remains only a contender so far as THE RING is concerned.

The honor of class leader belongs to one man—Chalky Wright, conqueror of Joey Archibald, victor over Harry Jeffra, each of whom won the crown by right of succession.

That Wilson is a classy performer, cannot be denied him, but as for being a world champion, he cannot lay claim to that legitimately until he gains the crown from the only man who holds it—Wright.

In his bout with Lemos, Wilson outclassed his opponent. He completely outboxed the champion and there never was a doubt as to how the verdict would go.

The slender 27-year-old Pittsburgher baffled Lemos with his tricky left hand, the same as he did when the victor clashed with Australia's best talent a few years ago. Only once, in the sixth, did Lemos do any damage when with stinging lefts, he stalked Jackie momentarily. Wilson won eight rounds with three for Lemos and one even and Referee Whitman had no difficulty raising the hand of Wilson as the victor.

The winner is deserving of a chance to fight for the world crown and I hope he'll get it. He has been knocking at the door of the championship for many moons.

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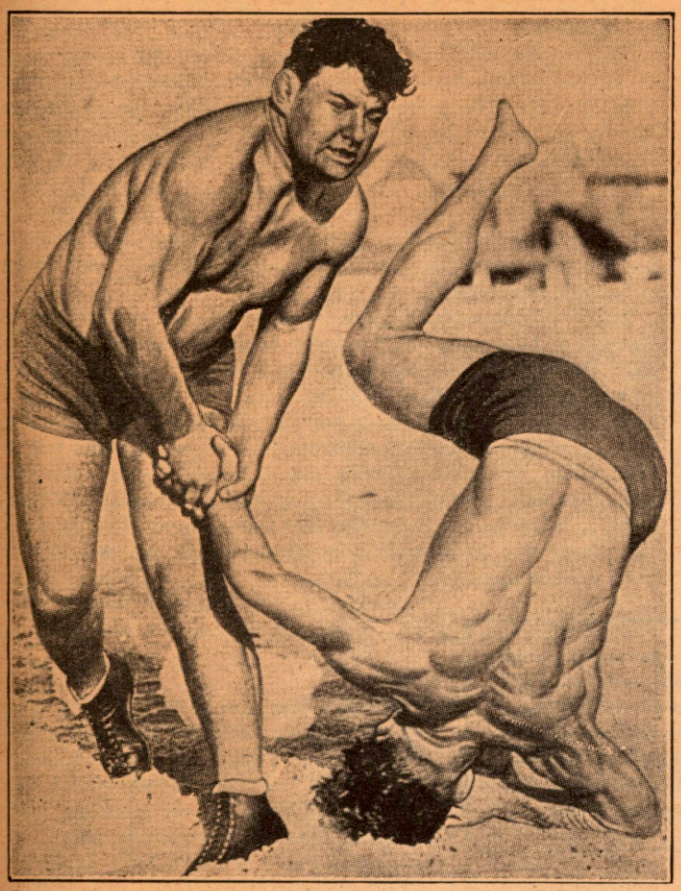
WHEN Frank Barbaro, Detroit night club owner, ventured into the "White Hope" tournament in an effort to find a man who some day might be a suitable opponent for Joe Louis with a chance to wrest the crown from him, he made the grave mistake of taking a number of veterans who already had been tried and found wanting, and accepting them as the cream of his entrants. That killed the interest in his tourney from the very start and when the smoke of battle in the last contest, that between the survivors, Jack Marshall of Texas and Lee Savold of Des Moines, Iowa, was over, Lee won the tourney and the $9,000 that went to the victor, and Barbaro was out a mere $30,000.

Had Frank refused the entry of veterans, as he should have, and confined his tournament wholly *(Continued on page 45)*

Wrestling in California

By BERNICE SANDBOE



George Zaharias, who has given up promotion in California to wrestle for Jack Pfeffer in New York.

MUCH water has trickled down the old mill stream since last scribbling our paragraphs about the pretzel boys. To wit, Mr. Ray Fabiani has taken over the controls of the Olympic Auditorium in Los Angeles and it looks like a new deal in matdom. Since starting his promotional venture at the big arena, Mr. Fabiani has definitely proven his genius for producing matches which the fans like.

Fast, clever action is the keyword of the Olympic, and a steady influx of new talent. Since the dapper Fabiani has taken over, countless names have been added to the roster of fans attending the weekly shows, including many motion picture celebrities.

Jim Londos has already made two appearances under the Fabiani banner, both times to defend his title against Latin matmen. In the first encounter, Londos met Vincent Lopez, who had scored two previous wins over Bronko Nagurski, and the ensuing struggle was really a thriller. Londos' next bout with a Mexican matman was a result of the non-appearance of Ali Baba, and substitute Alberto Corral gave the fans one of the most electrifying exhibitions of scientific wrestling ever before seen. Al is really colossal.

As to Ali Baba, who thinks nothing of walking out of a bout at the last moment, we can think of nothing complimentary to pen. Any promoter who risks putting this temperamental Turk on his card can expect anything, for Ali Baba apparently has no scruples or loyalty to his profession.

At Johnny Doyle's Eastside Arena the action continues to be fast and furious. Johnny never permits a matman on his card who will not give the fans their money's worth. Still the top villains and character actors at the Eastside Studio of Sock are the Schnabel brothers, headed by Hans who is really a fine wrestler. matched Jim Londos with Hans Schnabel and the bout was one of the best we've ever viewed. According to our prophecy, Schnabel conducted himself admirably in the presence of the champion, and with a few more months of experience for Schnabel we'd like to see these two in a return match.

The return of Chief Little Wolf and Dan O'Connor from Australia adds two well-knowns to the growing list of matmen appearing in California.

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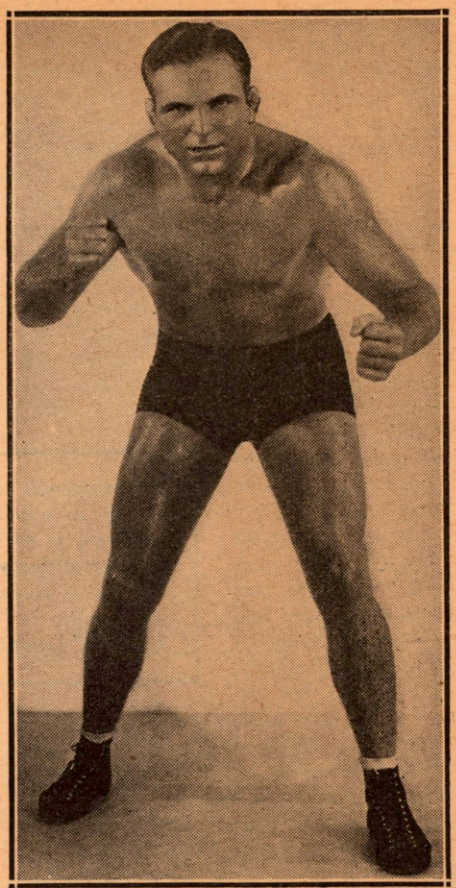
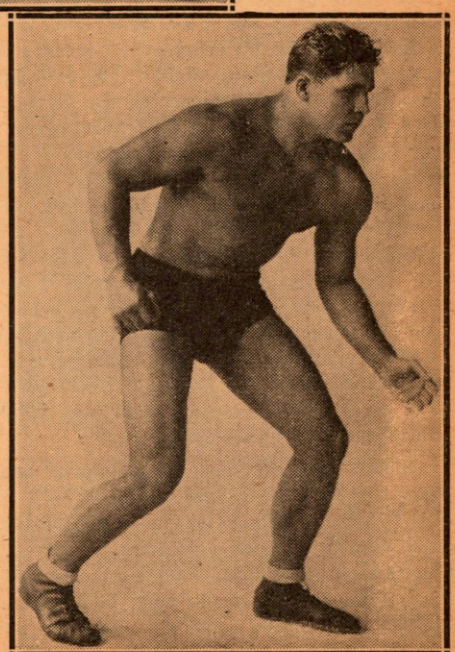
The Hollywood Legion Stadium staged a spectacular one-night tournament with Billy Vargo, the protege of the year, coming out on top. This, of course, led to an engagement with Wild Red Berry, the present light-heavyweight title-holder. In fact, Berry and Vargo came to grips twice but both times Berry's veteran experience proved too much to the newcomer to matdom.



Joe Malcewitz, the San Francisco promoter, has been trying to secure the scuffling services of Steve Casey, the former world's champion, now out of the Army. Brother Jim Casey has been so successful in the northern California territory, having won himself the Pacific Coast championship from Frank Sexton, that Malcewitz is trying to comply with the fans' demands that Steve appear for them at the Coliseum Bowl.

Mike Hirsh at the Ocean Park Arena picked a scoop when he

Left — Dan O'Connor, who has returned to California from a successful tour of Australia.



Pat Kelly, sensational Irish star now appearing in California rings.

LETTERS *from Our* READERS

IT is a fine courtesy to have my letters answered, criticized if you will, by readers of your fine magazine and I would not debate their privilege, but Mr. Snow's splendid reply in yours of August covers so much the public seems misled about, that I will carry on this question of the champion of all champions a bit further:

I thoroughly believe the fighter has never been born that could beat Louis at the time he met Buddy Baer.

Now Mr. Snow names Corbett. Did he ever see Corbett fight? How many have, who feel Corbett could have beaten Louis. No boxer could have beaten Louis. Conn mystified him, but there was no time in the entire fight he had even a faint chance of putting Louis away, and say even had he done so and you or anyone else had to pick a champion to lick a hitter, would it be a Conn? No, you'd go right back to Louis, knowing full well in a finish fight he'd win. Does Mr. Snow know that Tom Sharkey had Corbett licked in San Francisco and only by his second's appearance in the ring was Corbett saved from a severe loss. Corbett lacked both the weight and endurance to beat Louis.

Mr. Snow next mentions Jeffries. Of course, there would have been a fight. A man of Jeffries' weight fighting from a crouch as he did could not be fast. Jeffries had no footwork. He was huge and methodical in his boxing. Louis with his punch and his science would have been too much for Jeffries. I would like to think it would have been different. I like Jeffries and he's from my home state, and I liked to see him fight, but I don't think he could have beaten Louis.

Mr. Snow mentions Johnson. I think we can discard Johnson. I see nothing sparkling in Johnson's record. The fact he beat down Jeffries who had been massaged into condition to fight him means nothing. In that fight Johnson had been "approached," in fact up to two weeks before the fight he was on the fence until the hunch came to him he could lick Jeffries and so stated. Review the history of this and you will find Jeffries would not train, would not box, would do little road work, would sulk and grouch and be sullen, that people even said he was doped. When Johnson made up his mind to make a fight of it Jeffries was a beaten man. No—Johnson's star was never brilliant.

Mr. Snow praises Fitzsimmons and well he might. Fitzsimmons from the waist up was a real heavyweight. But observe the man's career just briefly. He never gave Corbett a second chance. He had quite a time with Peter Maher. The only champion he met in his class outside of Corbett was Jeffries. True, he made a remarkable stand against Jeffries in San Francisco and reporters love to say now how Jeffries was cut to ribbons—a damn silly statement—(mine was a ringside seat for that fight) and when Jeffries reached him Fitz had no trouble finding the floor, no more than he did when Corbett knocked him down and only the imploring of Fitzsimmons' wife finally aroused the man to get up in time. She won that fight for Bob. But who records that today! However, the way she yelled her help into her husband's ears and the way she denounced Corbett all through the fight meant a lot. Don't be mistaken about Bob beating Louis.

Mr. Snow mentions Dempsey. Well, look Dempsey over; you have a right for never a fighter was better paid. I've already stated myself on this matter.

Stanley Ketchel's name is mentioned and that certainly is a joke. I assume the reason is of Ketchel's fight with Johnson in San Francisco. Ketchel was no match for Johnson and he knew it. Jack Johnson was an easy going variety of man, he'd smile his way through most fights. And it was understood he'd treat Ketchel nicely, and this is exactly what he was doing until of a sudden Ketchel thought he could slip one over and upset the fighting world, not to mention Johnson—when Johnson got up off the floor he was infuriated at the double-crosser and he tore into him and had Ketchel out in less than a minute. Gosh! Don't mention Ketchel with Louis. Or Kid McCoy either. That tricky kid. A fighter as uncertain as Hitler's word and in many ways about as worthless.

The trouble with the sports of today, and Mr. Snow is no exception, is that they don't read the actual background of the fighters of old. They halo a lot about them. I do myself. I'd rather have a Jeffries or a Corbett lick Louis. I'd glory in seeing a Fitzsimmons put him out. To think those idols of my fighting spirit would beat him, to feel that today they are still world's champions would thrill me through and through. I don't want to let them go. Who does! Certainly not one of my age. Certainly not one who glories in the days when all the hills were green and every lass a queen.

But Mr. Snow—Mr. Reader—whether we like it or not, we've just got to take Louis on. He fights 'em all and as often as they like. He takes them big or medium, larger or smaller, they stampede him into fights with slight rest. He gives them all the same answer. There has never been a man like him in the boxing ring, so willing to fight, putting up such a fight, always fair in his fighting, and when aroused a fighting fool if ever there was one. Boys, as I've said before, look upon the Champion of Champions, you know—you know they don't last forever, for like those who have, alas, gone before, we glory in each one and lift our hand in salutation.

VINCENT WOODBURY,
Timmins, Ontario.

No letters will be answered by mail unless a self-addressed, stamped envelope is enclosed. If you have a letter of general interest, send it along and we will publish it under your name in "Letters from Our Readers." Don't hesitate. Write now.

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JUST a few lines to let you know I am still getting around and taking an interest in boxing matters, especially those which are the subject of the fine stories and articles in your magazine. I am receiving THE RING regularly and I can assure you that it is a very great solace and source of enjoyment to me in my declining years, especially in these times when it is practically impossible for people under ordinary circumstances to obtain boxing books from America.

My friends, who are many, are of course eager to have a glance at THE RING when it comes and you can rest assured that by the time it has gone the rounds and has come to rest on my shelves with all the others for many years past it has been read and read and read again by everyone who has sighted it.

I often see the boys in khaki here and have many a long yarn at night with them in camps and parlors and private homes and have found them all to be keenly interested in the magazine. On one or two occasions, when I have been lucky enough to possess duplicate copies (owing to a lucky strike in some Perth bookshop, I have given away a copy to a lad going overseas to take his place in the firing line, and it will not be difficult for you to imagine how many times that copy would be read before it was filed away—if ever!

I am taking things easy myself Nat, nowadays—thank the Lord I live in a country where a man can get some ease in his old age.

I am happy to know that you have considered my fighting record of sufficient interest to the public to have it printed in your new record book. I can imagine the tough job you are having in compiling this all time record book, but I know that there is no one in the world who can do the job as well as you and I shall await my copy here with deep interest. It is something every boxing lover should get as soon as off the press.

Was sorry to learn of the death of Biddy Bishop, a fine old gentleman, a credit to the field of boxing.

God bless you. My kindest regards from a dear old friend.

BILL DOHERTY,
(Former Australian Middleweight Champion)

(Thanks, Bill. What made you think that I wouldn't honor so fine a fighter and upright a gentleman as you? Your record belongs in Nat Fleischer's All-Time Record Book.)—EDITOR'S NOTE.

I RECEIVED your letter of the 28th of July today, October 5. I thank you much for sending me the copies of THE RING gratis. They arrived here about three weeks ago. The mail traffic between the U. S. A. and Budapest, Hungary, is quite good. I get all my mail and papers from the United States quite regularly. It is long before one gets his mail but it arrives, nevertheless. England and Ireland are much nearer to us, but I am unable to get in connection with any of my friends from over there by mail, yet can communicate with THE RING.

There is not much activity in international boxing in Europe. The war busted everything that we built up for many years. The Executive Committee of the Federation of International Boxing decided at its last meeting here that we shall hold World Championships in 1942 "if conditions will permit us to do so." Well, there is not the slightest sign that conditions will permit it in 1942. I am sorry to see the expansion of the war which prevents me to meet my friends from overseas, but I hope that with time peace will come to us all and we shall again be happy in brotherly love.

If every nation took up boxing, taught its youth to follow the sport as we have tried, there would be no more wars, no more shattered homes, and peace would reign. Pity nations cannot become sports-minded instead of war-minded.

I again thank you for your kind friendship and for continuing to send me THE RING through these most trying times. What a relief to get such a magazine and see from it how the "other half lives" in sports instead of bloodshed! I enjoy THE RING as never before. My best wishes and hopes for an early end to this world conflict and the resumption of our happy relations in boxing.

ARTHUR DE KANKOVSKY,
Secretary, International Federation of Boxing.

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ON the eve of your third decade of unrivalled service to boxing lovers, I congratulate you and wish you many more years of the same. Merely as a record, your value is incalculable.

In opinions we are sure to differ frequently, but our ideals will never change: to wit, the promotion of clean boxing and unremitting warfare against forces that are essentially evil or merely just stupid.

Again my congratulations, best wishes and promise of any support within my power.

KASPAR T. HUFF,
Densmore Hotel, Tulsa, Okla.

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JUST a few brief lines to say that it was very decent of you to send me THE RING though conditions here prevent me from paying for it. Please accept my thanks for your kindness. I hope THE RING will still flourish and prosper all over the world. This is only a brief note but there is as much gratitude in it as if it was a manuscript, so thanks a million.

FRANCIS MCCANN,
Belfast, Ireland.

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YOU remember, several times in the past, you have done many a kindness for me concerning THE RING. "Turn about is fair play." Since September I've been sending an extra copy per month to a soldier at Camp Wheeler, Georgia. I've never met him personally, only through our many letters. He lets all the other fellows read THE RING who wish to do so. He is instructing in boxing, and also one of the physical directors. Wish you could see some of the appreciative letters he writes me. It is doubtful whether we ever meet, as his home state is Louisiana, but THE RING has brought us together as friends through the medium of writing. I saw Private Fischer's letter, page 34 of the December number. I'm going to get a recent copy off to him soon, so that he will not be seven months "behind the times."

Publish if you wish, it might induce others to do likewise.

JOHN L. JANNEY,
Newtown, Pa.

(Thanks a lot. I appreciate your kindness. I send 500 copies a month free to interned soldiers and to soldier welfare organizations.)—EDITOR'S NOTE.

I HAVE been a reader of your magazine since 1933. And have been interested in following your issues ever since. I have only failed to obtain one issue—that of the Simon-Louis bout. I wish to obtain this issue because it breaks a string of RING issues since June, 1933.

I have been interested in the way you seem to exploit the deeds of Joe Louis; also of other writers of your magazine. It seems that most of all you like to refer back to the last Louis-Schmeling fight. But you still must remember that ten years separated these two fighters. Even the two years from the first bout and the second can make a tremendous difference. You may wonder what I am trying to get at. It is just this:

Before you place Joe Louis in the Hall of Fame as the most wonderful fighter since Dempsey, or since Jeffries, or since Sullivan, stop and think ahead six or seven years.

Joe Louis stopped Schmeling in less than one round and gave him a bad beating, but the fact still remains that close to ten years separated these two fighters. The point that I am trying to get over is that Joe Louis probably will take some bad beatings if he stays in the ring as long as Fitzsimmons, Johnson, Jeffries, or some of the other heavyweight champions. It is true, since Joe Louis won the title he has been a great champion. But I am a reader who still thinks that Joe Louis in all his title fights has not had the competition that some of the champions of the past have had in only a few title defenses. But I hope Joe goes on to greater heights. I still feel that when Joe reaches the age of other champions, he too will probably feel defeat often. Maybe he will go down in less than a round. On the other hand, Joe may do a la Tunney.

FORREST ROBRAN,
Del Norte, Colorado.

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ALTHOUGH I have written to you a couple of times, I feel that I should do so again as I haven't missed a single issue of THE RING since June, 1938. For several months prior to that I picked THE RING up at second hand book stores, but as I couldn't always get one there, I started buying it regularly.

Now, for some of my opinions about the fight game. In the last issue of THE RING there were two letters condemning Vincent Woodbury for rating Joe Louis where he belongs. I did as H. B. Doleman said, by taking a look at the records. In Jack Dempsey's, we find names like Jess Willard, Luis Firpo, Georges Carpentier, Jack Sharkey, King Levinsky, who beat him once, and Gene Tunney, who did it twice.

Now let's see what we can find in Louis' record. Here we have men like Jack Sharkey, King Levinsky, John Henry Lewis, Bob Pastor, Red Burman, Primo Carnera, Jimmy Braddock, Max Schmeling, the only man to beat Joe so far, Max and Buddy Baer and Billy Conn.

A very good lot. Boxers, sluggers, hard hitters, light ones, crouchers, big men and little men all by the dozen. There is no doubt that the boys Joe has licked are even BETTER than the ones Jack took on! So that puts Dempsey out.

Langford? Max Baer or Billy Conn could have whipped him.

Sullivan? Pastor would make him look as silly as did Corbett.

Corbett? No. Conn could box circles around him! My reason for saying this? Billy Boy knows everything Gentleman Jim knew plus a lot more and he can put everything he knows to excellent use.

Johnson? He could block punches as long as he could see them, but in his last fight with Schmeling, Joe threw his punches so fast you couldn't see them.

Stanley Ketchel or Kid McCoy? Ridiculous! Try to picture Billy Soose or Tony Zale, who don't lack a whole lot measuring up to these two, whipping the Brown Bomber!

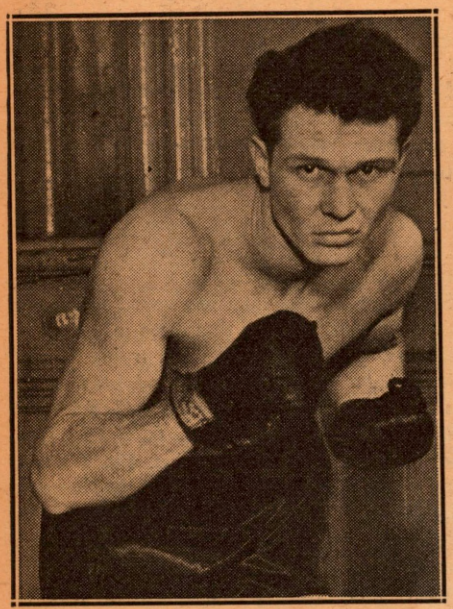
What's that? Joe has a glass jaw? Bah! He proved in his bouts with Schmeling, Galento, Roper and Buddy Baer that he can really take it. Then, too, he can punch faster than any man who ever pulled on a boxing glove.

So I place Joe Louis No. 1 fighter of all time. Jack Dempsey No. 3. Who's No. 2? None other than Barney Ross, the former lightweight and welterweight champ!

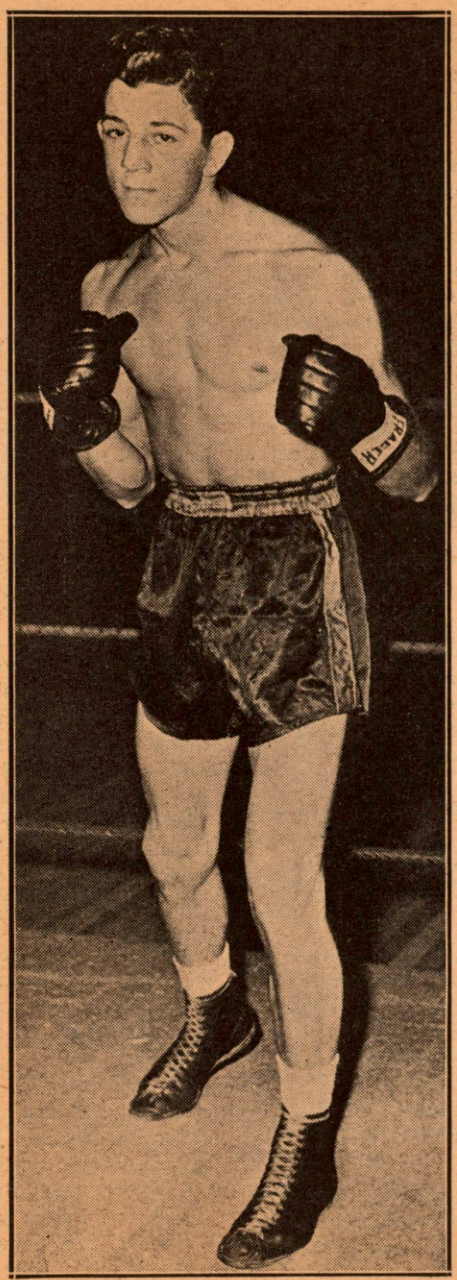
LESTER KID MARNEY,
Albuquerque, New Mexico.

NEW FACES

By FRED EISENSTADT



Jimmy Lowery, Alabaman, who served in United States Army.



Herbert Kronowitz, Brooklyn featherweight, who shows promise.

Billy Murray, who is making headway as a pro.

OUT of Elizabeth, N. J.—the town which bred many fighters who have made ring history, including former middleweight champion Mickey Walker and the present holder of the welterweight title, Freddie "Red" Cochrane—comes another lad who seeks fistic glory. His name is Frankie Duane. This twenty-year-old Italian-American, born Francisco Di Antico, is making rapid strides along the pugilistic road and it won't be very long before he'll be battling with the top-notchers of his class, if he has his way.

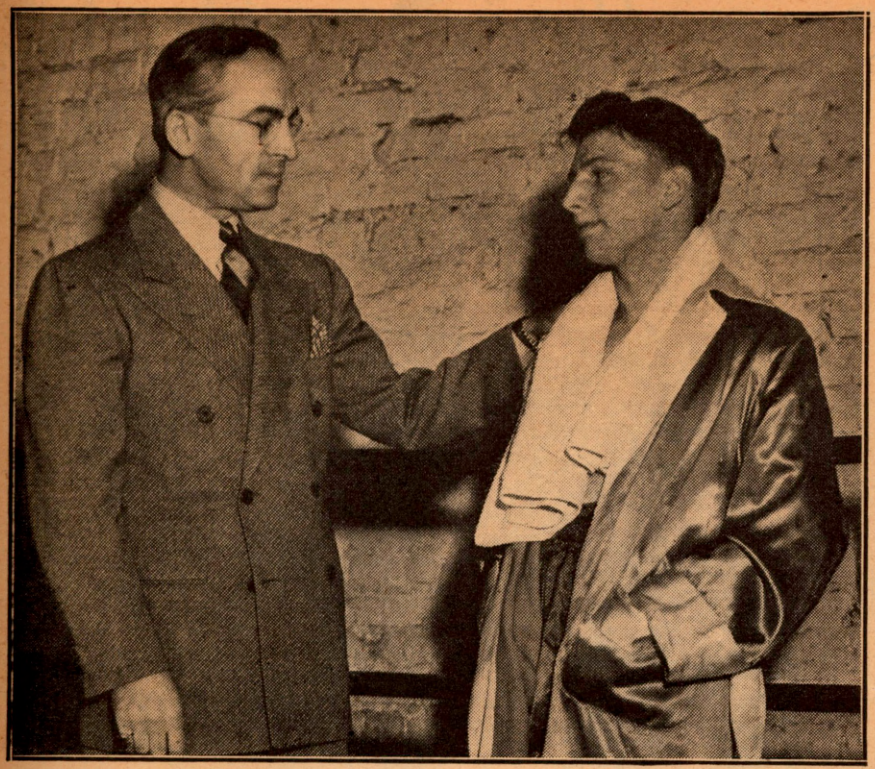
Frankie is ready to oppose them even now, but his manager, Angelo Pucci, who also pilots Tippy Larkin, does not wish to send the kid in against seasoned scrappers before the hard way, which — according to Pucci's philosophy—is the easiest way. Because, as Angelo points out, it is hard to get cause of Duane's youth. "The fastest and surest way to get some place," points out the young manager, "is to go there slowly.

"You see, early in his career, Frankie had the misfortune of slipping in a fight and badly injuring a knee. For a time it looked as though the injury would prevent him from pursuing fisticuffs as his profession. After two operations, however, the removal of a cartilage from the hurt knee, including a six months' rest, Duane resumed his fistic activities and compiled quite a record for himself."

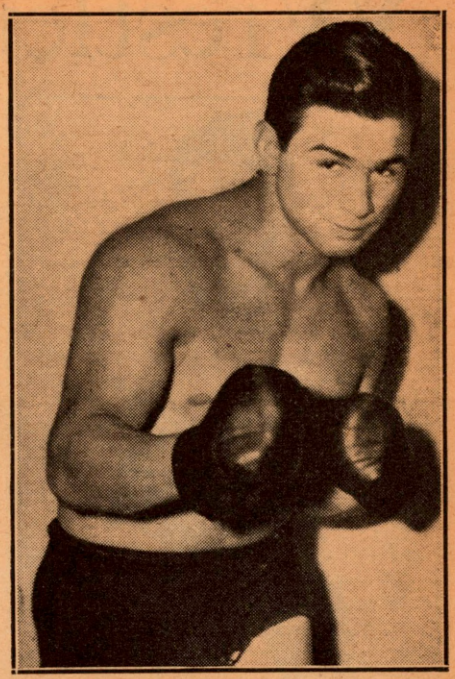
This plucky little ring warrior began to swap punches as a pro while still attending high school. He wanted to make the grade

Sergeant Joe Muscato of Buffalo, New York, former amateur champion, now in pro ranks.

Charley Davis, New York featherweight, winner of National Diamond Belt tourney, now a pro.



Alvin Barker and his manager, George Parnassus. Barker, who comes from Utah, is a boy of high promise.



Sheik Rangel, protege of Young Corbett, a Californian who is making rapid strides.

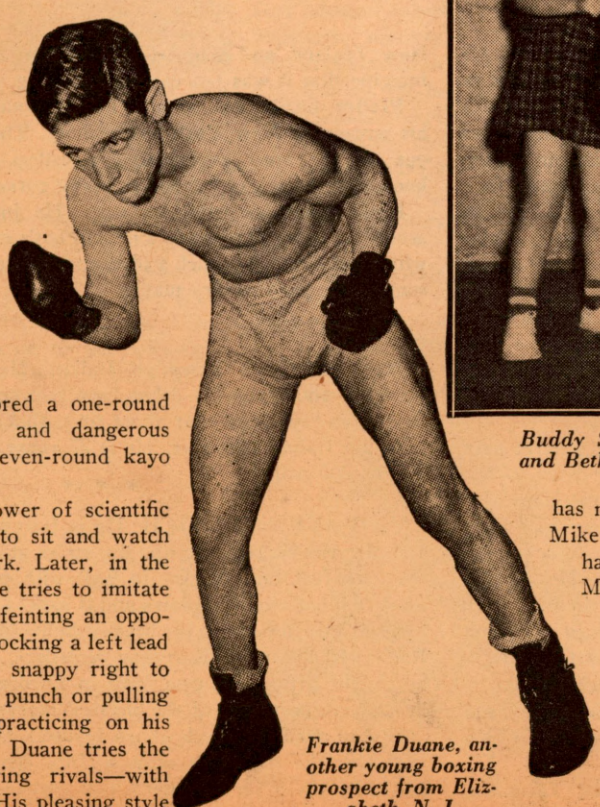
something easy—and you've got to pay an awfully big price for it. Particularly in the fight game.

Duane is a clever boxer, shoots a snappy left and is a demon for speed—reminding the followers of fistiana of the whirlwind of another era, the great Sid Terris. Frankie has lost but two close decisions out of 34 ring engagements. One to Freddie Archer and the other to the durable veteran, Tommy Spiegal.

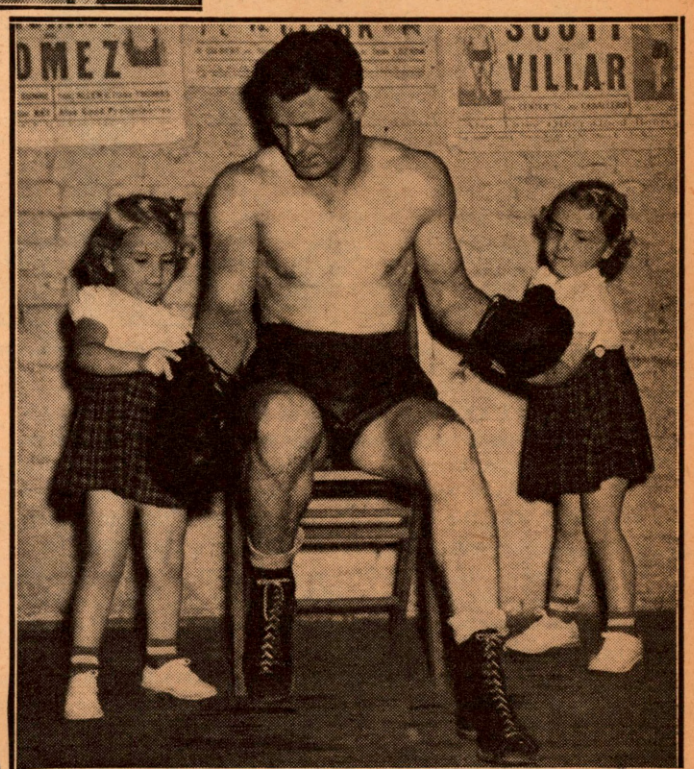
When you take into consideration the fact that the latter holds decisions over Bob Montgomery, Johnny Bellus and numerous other noteworthy lightweights, a defeat by Spiegal is no disgrace. But when Frankie Duane met Spiegal in a return engagement, and beat him, that was something to crow about. Now the New Jersey Italian wants to even the score with Freddie Archer.

Some of the lads who have tasted defeat at the skillful hands of Frankie Duane are Abie Kaufman, Joey Stack, Joe De Jesus, Ginger Foran. He scored a one-round kayo of the rugged and dangerous Johnny Buff, and a seven-round kayo over Mickey La Rosa.

An enthusiastic follower of scientific boxing, Frankie likes to sit and watch clever ringmen at work. Later, in the privacy of his room, he tries to imitate what he saw—such as feinting an opponent into an opening, blocking a left lead and countering with a snappy right to the jaw, rolling with a punch or pulling away from it. After practicing on his sparmates in the gym, Duane tries the fistic tricks on his ring rivals—with happy results, so far. His pleasing style has made him a great favorite in New Jersey. Promoter Mike Jacobs, having heard of Duane's speedy scrapping, has had his matchmaker sign him for two bouts at Madison Square Garden.



Frankie Duane, another young boxing prospect from Elizabeth, N. J.



Buddy Scott, Texas heavyweight. His daughters, Kay Dian and Bethany Anne, twins, are helping dad put on his gloves.

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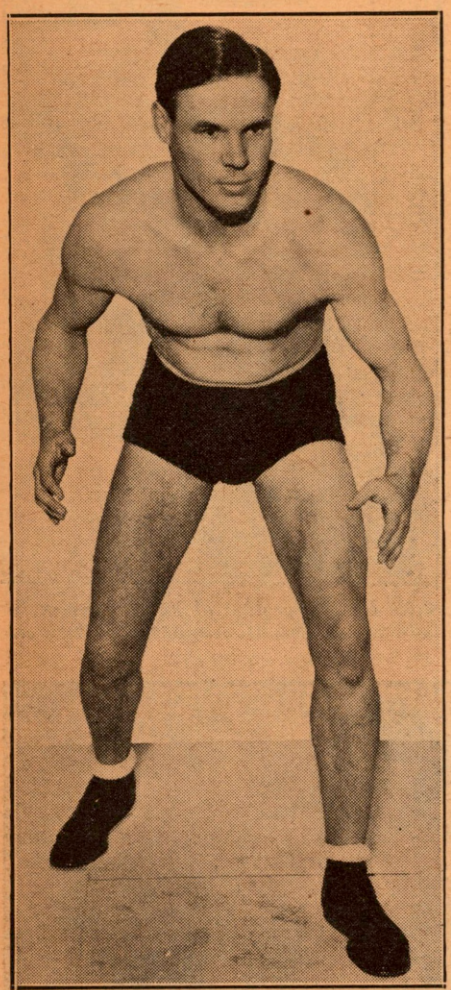
SHEIK RANGEL

OUT in California, where the sun goes down in the Pacific, fight folks have heard some thing about Red Cochrane, world welterweight champion.

"Hold everything," *(Continued on page* 39)

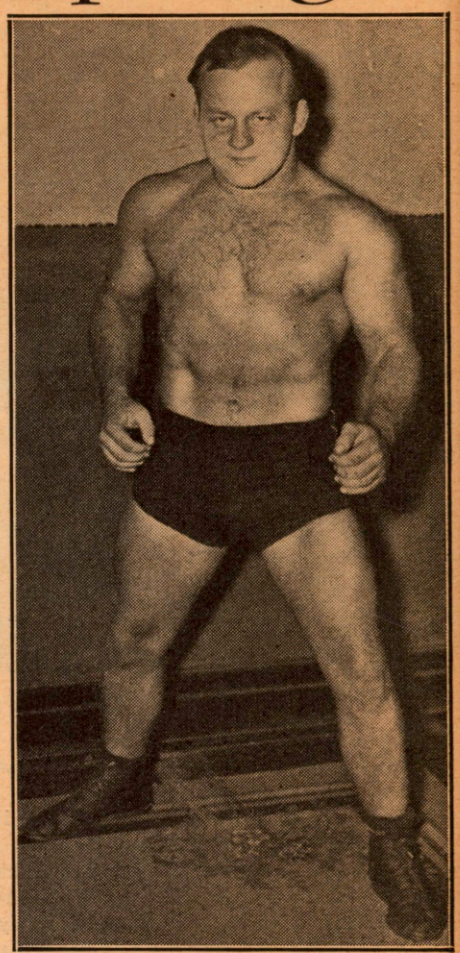
Wrestlers *in the* Spotlight

By AL MAYER



Fred Kimball, the American Globe Trotter.

Phil Kosch, who hails from Boston.



Private John Gudiski, Polish wrestler from Mitchell Field. Gudiski has been aiding in physical training at the camp.

AS EARLY as the end of last summer, there were definite indications that wrestling was in for a boom. Why this should be would be difficult for a layman to guess, but promoters with many years of experience saw the trend and did not waste time in laying their plans accordingly. Ray Fabiani on the Pacific Coast, Jack Pfeffer in New York, Paul Brouse in Boston, Rudy Dusek in New York and down the line in all sections of the country, those in control have planned to give the fans more and better wrestling with new and old faces making their appearance.

Here are pen pictures of a few of the mat stars now showing their wares around New York. They represent many nationalities.

Among the big shots signed by Jack Pfeffer for his shows are:

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FRED KIMBALL. American globe trotter. Jack Pfeffer says that Kimball was the most difficult wrestler to peg down to one spot and it took him the best part of two years to catch up with him. Kimball is a restless soul. He seldom stays in one spot long.

Kimball started his travels several years ago when foreign wrestlers began to come to this country in droves. He decided that it might not be a bad idea to seek them out in their own homelands and give them a taste of what American wrestling is like. Long before the present unpleasantness broke out in Europe, Kimball was a familiar figure wherever wrestling held sway.

He wrestled in Turkey and all through the Middle East and Levant. Then he hopped out to India. He even wrestled in China and Japan.

From there he took in the Phillipines, Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand and most of the South Sea Islands. You may imagine that it was not easy to catch up with a fellow like that.

Pfeffer finally did so and he is proud to introduce him to his patrons in New York and vicinity. They will see in Kimball one of the most experienced wrestlers in the game with a knowledge of tricks learned in every corner of the globe.

Kimball has no particular style. He just changes his attacks according to his opponent's ability. That's one of the many reasons why Fred Kimball is such a picturesque wrestler and always shows something new in every match.

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JOE BONICA. Brooklyn Italian. He is a young colorful wrestler who made his debut here two seasons ago but has improved so rapidly in that short time, that he must now be rated with top Italian wrestlers. He is 27 years old, stands 5 ft. 8 and weighs 200 pounds.

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GIOVANI RACIEVICH. He is Italy's most famous wrestler and also the biggest. He tips the scales at 250 pounds and is well over six feet tall. He fits in well with other wrestlers because most of them are big fellows and it looks as if the season is going to be strictly devoted to the heavyweights in the Metropolitan area. Racievich, like most European wrestlers, developed his strength by weight lifting. He won fame in European tournaments. He is in many respects one of the physical marvels among wrestlers.

He has a bull-like neck, sharp features, aquiline nose, black hair, and with the exception of a slightly cauliflowered ear, has no marks to show for his many mat battles. This proves that the

Italian is clever and doesn't rely entirely on his strength to win his matches.

Racievich is big all over. He has enormous arms, but no bulging muscles; powerful thighs and strong legs. He will be matched with the best among big fellows and will be given every opportunity to show his ability.

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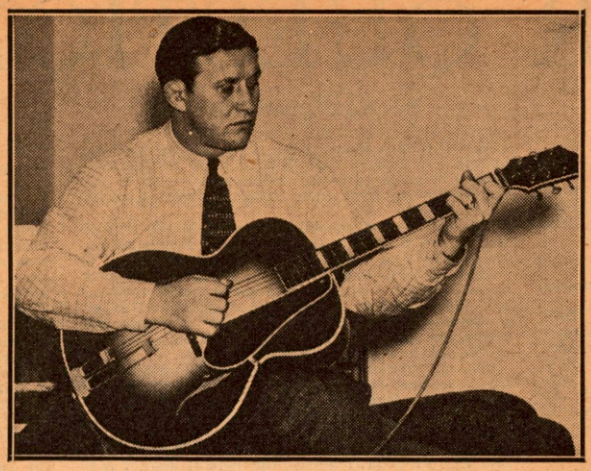
OLAF OLESON. It goes without saying that Oleson is a Swede but he has done most of his wrestling in this country and claims Milwaukee, Wisconsin, as his home town. Oleson is tall. He is 6 feet 1 inch and is a scientific wrestler. He has a baby face, which is rather deceiving because when he steps on the mat, he can match rough tactics with the roughest. Although he weighs 235 pounds, he seems lighter. That is because he is well proportioned and his weight is well distributed. What arrests the attention, however, is the length of his arms and the power in his wrists. He makes good use of these unusual arms and has perfected certain holds which are new and colorful.



Irish Pat Fraley, the singing cowboy from Houston, Texas.

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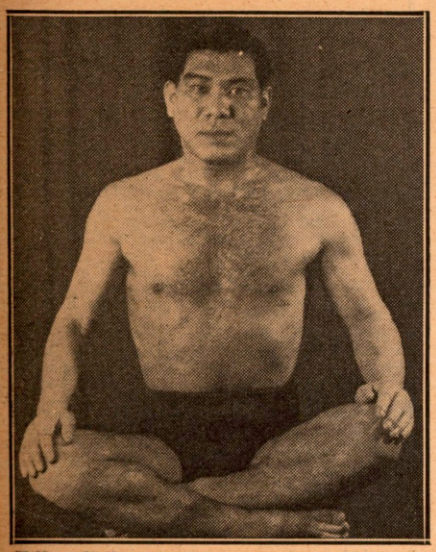
KILLER SHIKUMA. This Japanese wrestler differs from other Japanese matmen who have starred in this country. He is a jiu-jiutsu expert but he won the appellation of "killer" because of his rough tactics, unusual among grapplers of his race. Unlike most Japanese, Shikuma is a big fellow. He weighs 225 pounds and stands 5 ft. 11. He comes from a wrestling family which is quite common in Japan.



Killer Shikuma, Japanese jiu jitsu and wrestling expert.

These wrestling families are headed by the famed sumarais who are the elite in Japan, but there are other families to which lighter men than the sumarais who scale to 400 pounds, belong. Shikuma is one of these. He claims that his family has had wrestlers for several centuries and the art is handed down from father to son.

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PATSY FALETTI. Another Italian grappler, but in a class by himself. He is known as the "jitterbug" because of his unusual antics on the mat. Hairy as a gorilla, he sports a neatly trimmed mustache which becomes him well. He has been wrestling mostly on the Pacific Coast and in Honolulu where he has a big following. He numbers many picture stars as his friends and intimates and many of them are trained by Faletti, especially those who are called upon to play parts where physical condition means everything.

Faletti is sure to make a hit here. His inimitable style, together with his personality and cheerful disposition, will win him many friends. He is the happy warrior of wrestling and whenever his name appears on the bill, it is a sure shot drawing magnet at the box-office.

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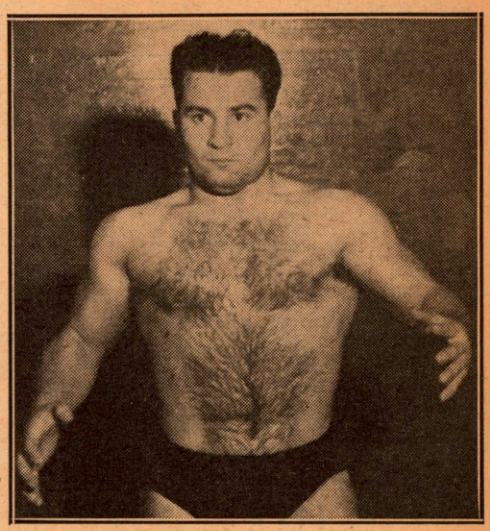
PRIVATE JOHNNY GUDISKI. A Polish wrestler now a member of Uncle Sam's Army and stationed at Mitchell Field, Long Island. Gudiski is rugged, tough, and colorful. He is a typical mat villain.

Small in stature, he stands only 5 feet 6 inches, but weighs 197 pounds. He is 27 years old. He is physical instructor in the Army but finds time to wrestle in local clubs.

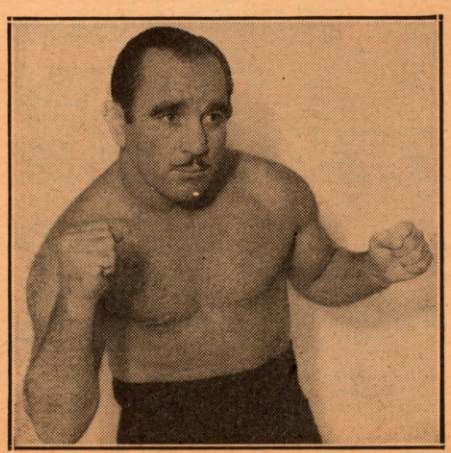
Blond, fair-skinned and quiet spoken, it is difficult to realize when you meet him, that he can be as rough as he is on the mat. Gudiski has terrific endurance. He seems tireless. Although he has taken part in many tough battles, he has no marks to show for them, not even a cauliflower ear.



Joe Bonica, Brooklyn Italian heavyweight.

If Private John Gudiski is an example of what the Army can do for young fellows physically, then we have nothing to worry about the condition of our boys. And make no mistake, Gudiski knows wrestling as many big fellows will attest.

When he was appointed physical instructor at Mitchell Field, many tough boys thought it would be a good joke to pin the instructor. They tried it once, but didn't go very far, Gudiski knows wrestling and all its complicated holds. Besides he is a jiu-jitsu expert and can hold his own against the best Japanese exponents of the art.



Patsy Faletti, known as the wrestling jitterbug.

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PHIL KOSCH. Hails from Boston, Massachusetts, and is known as the "Jewish Flash". Fast stepping and colorful, Kosch looms as the best among Jewish boys. He is only 25 years old but weighs well over 200 pounds and for a big fellows, steps around like a middleweight.

Kosch studied law in Boston but his physical developments and his love of sports and wrestling in particular, made him abandon a legal career for wrestling. He is an all-around athlete. He plays football, base- *(Continued on page 43)*

IN OUR QUESTION BOX

By NAT FLEISCHER

Norman Rudette, Fall River, Mass.

Q.—What fights did Joe Louis have since he whipped Al McCoy?

A.—Red Burman, K.O. 5; Gus Dorazio, K.O. 2; Abe Simon, K.O. 13; Tony Musto, K.O. 9; Buddy Baer, won decision 7; Billy Conn, K.O. 13; Jim Robinson, K.O. 1; Lou Nova, K.O. 6.

Nat Rogers—a Reader

Q.—How many times did Greb and Tunney fight in the old Garden?

A.—Three. Here are their fights: May 23, 1922, Greb beat Tunney, 15 rounds, Garden; Thanksgiving Day, 1922, Tunney beat Greb, 15 rounds, in old Garden; Dec. 23, 1923, Tunney beat Greb, 15 rounds, in old Garden; Sept. 17, 1924, Greb and Tunney, no decision, 10 rounds, Cleveland; March 25, 1925, Greb lost to Tunney, 10 rounds, St. Paul.

Josephine J. Bianco, Wingdale, N. Y.

Q.—Was Dempsey knocked out of the ring by Gene Tunney?

A.—No, he was knocked to his knees in the eighth round of their fight in Chicago.

Arthur Peterson, Chicago, Ill.

Q.—What has happened to Milt Aron? Has he quit the ring?

A.—No. He is fighting.

Q.—How old was Johnny Coulon when he won his title?

A.—21 years old.

Q.—Would Franklin beat Conn or Nova if they were to meet?

A.—Perhaps. He has a splendid chance. They refuse to fight him, though he is willing.

Q.—Is there such a thing as a 20 count in boxing?

A.—No. Except in states where 20 is counted if a man falls out of ring. The extra 10 is used to give him a chance to get back but this is contrary to rules of boxing.

Q.—About what is the average speed of a fighter's punch in m.p.h.?

A.—Sorry, I can't answer that.

Q.—Why is the Trafton-Shires bout referred to as a huff-and-puff struggle, or boxing at its farcical worst? Explain. Who won?

A.—Shires was in poor condition—fat, untrained. Shires lost.

Bill Hawkins, Lexington, N. C.

Q.—Will Conn get another shot at Louis' title? What is the best way to take off fat around the neck?

A.—Yes, next summer. By neck exercises. Twisting head movements, bending head, upwards and downwards, and sideways, left to right and vice versa, and massaging neck will do the trick.

Alton B. Webb, Fort Stanton

Q.—Is the Lieutenant Colonel Heinie Miller recently featured in THE RING the former lightweight champion of the Atlantic Fleet about 1909-10?

A.—No. You are probably thinking of Heinie Meyers, who won the Atlantic Fleet title from Tommy Downes, stablemate of Sailor Burke. Heinie Miller won the All-Service bantam title in 1906 at Newport, R. I., and the Far Eastern professional featherweight title in Hongkong in 1908 from Charley Johnson of England. Later he won the Far Eastern lightweight title in Manila in 1909 from Jimmy Dwyer of Australia. Miller never lost any of his three titles.

H. Josephson, Ironwood, Mich.

Q.—We got into a dispute here in regard to the Nova-Louis fight. Here is the point. Suppose Referee Donovan had not stopped the fight but had let it go on to the finish of the sixth round but during the intermission, between the sixth and seventh, Nova found he was unable to continue and didn't come out for the seventh. In what round would the kayo have been recorded, sixth or seventh?

A.—Your answer is along the same lines as above query. If he had called to the referee and told him he could not continue, and this was done between rounds, and the referee, not waiting for the bell to start the seventh, held up the hand of Louis as winner, the round would have been recorded as sixth. If, however, Nova had waited for bell to sound for seventh, then found himself unable to go out for that round, the round then would be recorded as seventh because the seventh round started with the clang of the gong.

Milton Baron, Havana, Cuba

Q.—(1) What is the real count of knockdown? Is it a count of ten on the watch or the count of ten according to the timekeeper's version?

Q.—(2) When a boxer is down, should the referee walk his opponent to the neutral corner, or must the boxer go to the neutral corner himself?

Q.—(3) When the referee and the official knockdown timer have counted ten, should the referee say the word "out?"

Q.—(4) How often should a referee warn a fighter for foul tactics before disqualifying him?

Q.—(5) If a boxer loses a round for fouling, should the referee tell that to each of the two judges in order to be in accord, or is it up to the judges to use their own judgment regardless of the referee?

Q.—(6) Do the knockdown timers in the United States use a watch for counting or depend on their own judgment?

A.—(1) The count of ten should be taken direct from a watch and not from mere guess work of an official who often will either give the fighter a short count or more frequently a count far beyond what he is entitled to. In either case, one of the fighters is given a poor deal.

A.—(2) When a boxer is down he must obey the rules and go to a neutral corner without the aid of the referee. Only a poor official will guide a fighter who has scored a knockdown, to a neutral corner.

A.—(3) As soon as the referee has counted ten, and fighter is still down, the official should say "out," that being part of his duty.

A.—(4) If a boxer loses a round, the referee must so inform the judges.

A.—(5) Knockdown timers in U. S. use a watch, at least in most states where such procedure is compulsory.

Americao Filippone, Providence, R. I.

Q.—If a fighter wins fourteen rounds easily and then is knocked out in the fifteenth, who wins the fight?

A.—A knockout ends all arguments. The fighter scoring it wins the fight regardless of how far ahead his opponent was up to the time of the knockdown.

Paul Amato, Chicago, Ill.

Q.—Does pro fighting weaken one's eyes? I have been wearing glasses for a year but can see very well over a stretch of five feet. I am well built physically. Will my eyes handicap me?

A.—Yes, your eyes will cause your rejection by the medical examiners.

Alex Cerny, Cleveland, Ohio

Q.—What is the date of birth and place of Pat Comiskey? Who would win between Comiskey and Tony Musto, Lem Franklin and Abe Simon, Franklin and Buddy Baer, Franklin and Arturo Godoy, Franklin and Max Baer?

A.—Comiskey was born on October 20, 1920. Franklin recently knocked out Simon in five rounds. Fight predictions are purely a guess and we have discontinued any such answers.

Buddy Rainey, Birmingham, Ala.

Q.—Who is the Alabama Kid, what is his weight, and how good is he? Could Ray Robinson whip Red Cochrane? Will Jackie Callura ever become world featherweight champion? Who would win between Joey Archibald and Jackie Callura, Little Pancho and Little Dado, Harry Weekly and Cocoa Kid, Melio Bettina and Lem Franklin, Lou Nova and Billy Conn, Johnny Colan and Milt Aron, Tony Zale and Georgie Abrams?

A.—Alabama Kid is an American fighter now campaigning successfully in Australia. He is one of our better middleweights and has been around a good number of years, having faced some of the best boys in his division. We have discontinued fight predictions. Callura has a good chance of becoming featherweight champion if given an opportunity with the title-holder. Fight fans seeking to know ages, weights, results, height, etc., of fighters will find this all in Nat Fleischer's All-Time Record Book. Get a copy while they are still on hand.

Ronald Kurtz, Buffalo, N. Y.

Q.—What are the heights and weights of Tony Zale, Bob Montgomery, Ray Robinson, Fritzie Zivic, Lew Jenkins, Tami Mauriello?

A.—Zale is a middleweight. Montgomery a lightweight. Robinson and Zivic are welterweights. Jenkins is a lightweight and Mauriello a light-heavyweight. Zale is 5 feet 10 inches. Montgomery, 5 feet 9 inches. Robinson, 5 feet 11 inches. Zivic, 5 feet 9 inches. Jenkins, 5 feet 8 inches. Mauriello, 5 feet 11 inches. You'll find weights, etc., in Nat Fleischer's All-Time Record Book.

Joe Scott, Port Clinton, O.

Q.—I am 14 and am 5 feet 10 inches. If I train how tall will I be and about what weight if I now scale 118 pounds? Could I now enter Golden Gloves tournaments?

A.—At 21 you should be about 6 feet 3½ and scale about 133 pounds. You are too young for tourneys. You must be 16. Training will increase your height and your weight and harden you.

Arthur Jenkins, San Francisco, Cal.

Q.—Is there any record of the first time that a referee decided on the round in which a fight ended, after a fighter was unable to continue, following the end of the round? I was told recently that some referee, to decide bets in the old days, publicly announced his decision and the fans and newspapers accepted his verdict.

A.—Yes, there was such a case, and it has been the precedent for other such decisions.

On January 9, 1900, in the fight beween George Dixon and Terry McGovern, at the Broadway Athletic Club, after Dixon had been floored eight times in the eighth round, Tom O'Rourke, his manager, stopped the fight. Referee Johnny White was appealed to for a decision because of the huge sums that were waged on the result. Those who had bet on a knockout tried to collect, while their opponents hedged on the ground that there was no knockout.

Johnny White held up the hand of Terry McGovern and publicly announced "Terry the winner by a knockout."

After the fight he declared to the newspaper men that his reason for calling the fight a knockout was because in his opinion the tossing of a sponge into the ring by the manager or seconds, the stopping of a bout by the referee because of the helpless condition of one of the opponents or the halting of the contest by a fighter who declared, himself, that he did not want to continue, constituted a knockout under the rules of boxing.

IOWA, NEBRASKA AND SOUTH DAKOTA SPARKS

By BILL HAWKINS

SIOUX CITY, Ia.—It appears boxing will return here with the formation of an organization known as the Downtown A. C. Mike Murphy is president, Hymie Kashinsky, treasurer and Paul Hurley, secretary. On the board of directors are S. F. Cusack, Bill Melody, Dr. J. H. Humphrey, Earl Miller, Mark Sabel and Earl MacArthur.

A percentage of each endeavor undertaken by the Downtown Athletics club will go to charity, the board of directors deciding on the beneficiary. The balance of the profits will be put into a sports promotion fund and a fund to establish clubrooms.

Temporary headquarters have been established at the Moose clubrooms.

The mitt program under the new organization was an amateur card featuring a team from Des Moines and a team from Sioux City. Results of the bouts were as follows:

Gene Booth, Sioux City, decision over Gene Switcher, Des Moines. Bob Carew, Des Moines, knocked out, Jim Walston, Sioux City. James Jefferson, Des Moines, won from Dick Walding, Sioux City. Don Emmick, Sioux City, knocked out, Del Cockayne, Des Moines. Billy Gill, Sioux City, knocked out, Bill Moody, Des Moines. Gene Motley, Sioux City won from Hank Ulrick, Des Moines. Ed Green, South Sioux City, won from William Buford, Des Moines. Billy Rensch, Sioux City, won from Ray Lafferty, Westfield.

Sioux City, Ia.—Danny Desmond, who has had charge of the Sioux City Journal's sports department for 12 years, has accepted a position as public relations director for the all-year Sun Valley sports center. Good Luck Dan. Ed Lalley, night editor of the Journal will succeed Mr. Desmond.

Omaha, Nebraska—Carl Vinciquerra is back in Omaha after giving up his professional ring career because of an eye injury. Although Carl has no idea of ever fighting again, he still works out at the Y.M.C.A. several times a week. Vinciquerra is now tutoring a young middleweight by the name of Charley Caracilio.

Boxing manager, Sebastian DiGiacomo, of the South Omaha Recreation Center has 26 amateurs in his boxing class preparing for the Golden Gloves. He has two promising heavyweights in Joe Furst, Creighton University fullback and James Shearron, who did his Golden Gloves campaigning in the Kansas rings last year. (This Shearron has the stuff this year. Note: see issue of RING, June 1941, see what Nat Fleischer said about him in his article on amateurs.) Last year Paul Martinez won the Mid-West A.A.U. flyweight laurels, but this year there are three Martinez brothers who weigh in at 112 pounds. Besides Paul, the champion, brother Joe will fight in the flyweight class. Tony, the third boxer of the trio will enter the bantamweight ranks although he wrestles in the 112 pound class at South High School.

LAST MINUTE SPARKS—Johnny Dudley has relinquished his title as lightweight champion of Iowa, as he was unable to make the weight. In the future he will fight as a welterweight . . . . Two of the leading contenders for the crown are Jimmy Salvatore, of Fort Dodge, and Buzz Lanning of Ottumwa, Ia. . . . . Bob Carew of Des Moines won the amateur featherweight title when he defeated Al Bartholomew of Boone, Ia. . . . . It was with deep regret that we read of the recent death of Thomas Andrews, Milwaukee, sports writer and promoter . . . . We have known the veteran for many years . . . . Floyd Hayes, Omaha. Thanks a lot for your help . . . . Des Moines, Ia. appears to be the leading fistic center in the state at this writing.

New Faces

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says California, "until you see our Sheik Rangel of Fresno." Sheik Rangel is 22 years of age. He recently scored a technical knockout over highly touted Cecil Hudson at Hollywood Legion Stadium.

Rangel is a protege of Young Corbett, former welterweight king, and Al Manfredo, former California welterweight champion. Corbett has a rooting interest in the Sheik—but Manfredo is the actual manager.

Rangel has a style like Henry Armstrong employed. He is aggressive and keeps boring in punching with both dukes. He has been fighting pro for four years. He has engaged in 49 fights, winning 44 of them. He scored 23 knockouts.

The Fresno Latin is a red hot attraction at Hollywood Stadium, Fresno and Oakland Auditorium.

Manfredo plans an Eastern invasion with Rangel in January.

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ALVIN BARKER

INTRODUCING Alvin Barker, red haired Ogden, Utah, featherweight, and his manager, cagey George Parnassus, who has the biggest and best stable of fighters in California.

Barker has been a decided hit at Hollywood Legion Stadium. As this story was mailed into THE RING Magazine, Barker had engaged in six fights at the famous cinema city arena. He scored four knockouts and won two decisions and will be ready for ten round main events after the first of the year.

Parnassus has been keeping Barker in four and six round fights for the past few months. Barker holds the featherweight title of Utah.

As an amateur, Barker won a half dozen simon-pure titles in the simon-pure region. He was recommended to Parnassus by genial Al Warden, popular sports editor of the Ogden, Utah, *Standard Examiner*. Warden is a keen judge of fistic flesh. He predicts the kid is going places.

Stars of the Parnassus stable are Ceferino Garcia, former middleweight ruler; Rodolfo Ramirez, Mexican lightweight king; Juan Zurita, John Hanschen, Andy Vasquez, Donnie Maes, Kid Azteca, Ray Campo and Tony Chavez. The Greek skipper is also grooming several amateur scrappers who will turn pro in January.

Parnassus' string of fighters keeps Gene Vinassa, his press agent, busy pounding out fight copy for the Los Angeles dailies.

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BUDDY SCOTT

BUDDY SCOTT, a native of Electra, Texas, is from a family of fighters. His brother, Tommy Scott, won the junior welter title of the world from Johnny Jadick and then lost the crown to Tony Canzoneri. The second brother of the famed trio, Cowboy Howard Scott, was one of the ranking lightweights in the world, boxing five world's champions in his day.

Buddy, before turning professional, won the National A.A.U. heavyweight crown while just a legitimate middleweight, beating Willard Dean of Centenary College for the title.

Joining the ranks of the professionals in 1936, Buddy attended George Washington University and while at school ran up a string of 42 professional wins against some tough opposition.

He lost a close one to Tommy Tucker on the Arturo Godoy-Joe Louis fight card. They boxed the semi-final event.

Scott is one of the few men in the game that can claim a knockdown over Bob Pastor, New York collegian. The pair met in one of the fastest and wildest matches ever seen in Washington. Scott in his debut in Florida stopped the upward climb of the sensational Tommy Gomez, who was being touted as the next heavyweight champion. Buddy knocked out Gomez in the sixth round.

Scott is now making his home in Tampa, Florida, and is managed by Harry Raskin. Buddy is married to the former Jerry Nichols of Ada, Oklahoma, and is the father of a pair of stunning twin daughters, three years of age.

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CHARLEY DAVIS

THE fight fraternity in New York has its eyes focused on the new colored fistic sensation who, they venture, will outshine the speedy Ray Robinson—and even the great Henry Armstrong. The new sensation is 20-year-old Charley Davis, featherweight. Out of 87 amateur contests, Davis won 60 by kayo. This youngster annexed the national Diamond Belt title in 1940. Also the Inter-City National Golden Gloves and the New York A.A.U. championships in 1941. Which, you'll admit, is quite an achievement.

Davis turned pro last September under the management of Sal Nasello, popular Broadway milliner. He won four bouts by the kayo route. And in decisioning the rugged Ruby Garcia in Newark, proved he has what it takes to be a fighter.

His rise has been rapid. The Negro lad possesses fistic skill. He has a fine jab, and lands it with force. He also possesses a good left hook. He is cool, moves around easily, packs power in his right fist.

Newark sports writers laud Charley Davis to the skies. They say that he has the goods. Charley already has a good following in New York.

His most ardent rooter—and in a sweet cultured voice—is Mrs. Carita Nasello, wife of Davis' manager, who is still working as a vaudeville singer. She loves her work, but won't miss any of Charley's fights. See Davis in action and you won't blame her.

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BULLY MURRAY

JIMMY GRIPPO, manager of Melio Bettina, and Pop Gore, veteran Florida trainer and manager, have two good boys under their wings in Billy Murray and Jimmy Lowery. Both were out in California for two months and now are ready for an Eastern campaign under the guidance of Grippo, who is doing their booking.

Fighting Billy Murray was born in Bellaire, Ohio, on February 27, 1921. He started boxing as an amateur in September, 1938, and had 77 amateur fights until August, 1940. Of these he lost 15 amateur fights out of 77. He turned pro in December, 1940, and has had 39 pro fights, losing but one.

Murray is one of five brothers and the second one to take up boxing. Brother Jackie fought for three years as an amateur and pro, then gave up boxing to enter college.

Out in California Murray won all his matches.

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SERGEANT JOE MUSCATO

GUY SULPEY, manager and trainer of fighters in Buffalo, has a promising boy in Sergeant Joe Muscato, former A.A.U. sensation. Muscato, is a simon-pure, was five times amateur champion and if good judges of boxing, like Hugh Shannon, know what they are talking about, this big boy will come through and make the grade as a pro.

As an amateur, he was Golden Gloves, Diamond Gloves, Niagara District, Western New York and New Jersey State champion. He makes his headquarters at Singer's Gymnasium in Buffalo.

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JIMMY LOWERY

JIMMY LOWERY was born in Gadsden, Alabama, Feb. 7, 1920. He started boxing in 1937, engaging in 10 amateur matches in his home state.

He enlisted in the Army in 1938 and took part in seven bouts while in the service of Uncle Sam. Jimmy was discharged in 1940 and started boxing as a pro during August of the same year in Miami Beach, Florida. He had 38 bouts, losing six, winning 19 by knockouts.

Lowery spent two years in Panama. He has another brother, but Jimmy is the only scrapper in the family.

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HERBIE KRONOWITZ

A NEW lightweight star is twinkling in the fistic horizon. His name is Herbie Kronowitz. Fight experts predict a bright future for him. This youngster seems to have everything a fighter needs to succeed in the business of fistiana. He is game, aggressive, a vicious puncher, can take a good wallop and is gradually developing into a clever boxer.

Herbie was born on September 3, 1923. He attended Brooklyn Electrical Maintainance High School. As an amateur, at the age of 16, he won 15 out of 18 bouts in the bantamweight class. He turned pro under the care of Nat Lehrer, who boxed under the name of Nat Lewis several years ago. It was this young man who taught Kronowitz how to box, and who intends to keep on teaching him till Herbie gets to the top. "Which," says Nat confidently, "shouldn't be long, if what the kid is showing means anything."

In his professional fights, of which he won, Herbie has handled himself exceptionally well. The boy is tall and knows how to make effective use of his reach. He can shoot a fast and snappy left jab, and can wing in lightning-like right cross chops to the head. He keeps boring in, throwing wicked punches all the time; which makes him a dangerous fellow to exchange wallops with. And at close quarters, he is a demon. He pumps stiff punches to the midriff and shifts with jarring jolts to the head.

Among the lads who suffered defeats at the hands of the Hebrew lad, are the experienced Allie Wolf and Willis Johnson, the clever Billy Strauss, the hard-punching Eddie Wiley and the rugged Freddie Ferrando. He boxed a draw with Al Guido.

A Corner in the Fistic Market

(With results including bouts of December 12)

By MEYER ACKERMAN

UNLIKE previous years, this month, in the issue which contains the annual ratings of world boxers, we have decided to eliminate our monthly ratings and give the annual ranking preference. This annual rating hereafter will be the basis from which the monthly ratings will be made, starting in the March issue.

Unlike the past, a number of important ring battles featured the month's activities, with some of the ranking men in pugilism taking part in wind-up contests for the year. Among the higher rated men who were seen in action were Joe Louis, Melio Bettina, Bob Pastor, Ken Overlin, Georgie Abrams, Tony Zale, Chalky Wright, Fritzie Zivic, Jackie Wilson, Richie Lemos, Joey Maxim, Anton Christoforidis, Mose Brown, Eddie Booker and Steve Belloise. Only two championship bouts for a world crown took place, that in which Zale beat Abrams for the middleweight title, and the Angott vs. Jenkins lightweight title mill.

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ALTHOUGH Joe Louis appeared in a four round exhibition contest with George Giambastini on the Pacific Coast, the highlight of the month was the Zale-Abrams savage middleweight battle, which was won by the former, and which placed Zale in undisputed possession of the world crown.

Chalky Wright appeared in an overweight contest and knocked out Jorge Morelia in six rounds, while Richie Lemos' N.B.A. portion of the 126 pound crown was lifted by Pittsburgh Jackie Wilson at Los Angeles.

Roscoe Toles continued his fine efforts in the heavyweight division by taking the measure of Alberto Lovell at Buenos Aires.

There was plenty of action in the light heavyweight class although the champion remained inactive. Anton Christoforidis decisively defeated Ceferino Garcia, Mose Brown knocked out Bill Nichy in eight rounds, and Ken Overlin, in his first start as a light heavyweight, completely mastered Al Hostak to win with ridiculous ease. Ezzard Charles, Cincinnati Negro, became a new threat among the 175 pounders by virtue of his triumph over Teddy Yarosz, while Joey Maxim justified the ratings department of THE RING by whipping heavyweight Red Burman.

The welterweight division was more or less dominated by Young Kid McCoy who defeated Mike Kaplan and fought a fast ten round draw with Fritzie Zivic in Madison Square Garden.

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BOB MONTGOMERY continued to set the pace in the lightweight division by scoring a four round kayo over Jimmy Garrison at Philadelphia.

Luis Castillo stole the bantamweight headlines by his sensational two round knockout of Little Pancho, while in the flyweight class Jackie Patterson stopped Billy Hazelgrove and Little Dado kept up the pace by whipping Joho Shiromo.

Now for the monthly results: In the heavyweight division, Joe Louis boxed a four round exhibition with George Giambastini. Melio Bettina whipped Harry Bobo and Jimmy Bivins. Roscoe Toles took the measure of Alberto Lovell. Lee Savold trounced Jack Marshall, and stopped Buddy Knox in six. Knox in turn drew with Tony Musto who was beaten by Herbie Katz. Tommy Gomez stopped Bill Rhinehardt in two, Cowboy Greggs in one, and Bob Sikes in seven. Buddy Scott drew with Claudio Villar. Bob Pastor kayoed Jim Robinson in one.

Gus Dorazio walloped Buddy Walker. Willie Reddish beat Bob Smith. Rodie O'Dooley whipped Harold Blackshear who was also stopped by Connie Norden in nine rounds. Tom Reddington drew with Al Robinson. Al Hart stopped Buddy Moore and Teddy Wint in two and four rounds, respectively. Wint stopped Richard Atkins in two. Bill Weinberg beat Mike Alfano, and stopped Julio Ortenzio in two. Johnny Shkor shaded Big Jim Robinson. Charley Wright beat Cleve Bailey. Johnny Flynn stopped Cyclone Williams in three and Wallace Cross in five rounds. Johnny Myhasuk whipped Wally Sears and Freddie Mills kayoed Jim Wilde in the third. Abel Cestak beat Juan Ulrich.

Mose Brown led the light-heavyweight class by knocking out Bill Nichy in eight rounds. Anton Christoforidis trounced Ceferino Garcia. Ken Overlin walloped Al Hostak. Ezzard Charles took the measure of Teddy Yarosz. Joey Maxim beat Red Burman. Tony Cisco beat Eddie Wilson and drew with Georgie Miller. Vince Pimpinella drew with Ted Lowry. Jimmy Davis beat Tony Celli, and Danny Cox whipped Gus Alexander.

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TONY ZALE finally cleared up the middleweight division by whipping Georgie Abrams to become the world undisputed ruler of the 160 pound division. Steve Belloise beat Phil Furr and stopped Jose Caballero in the second. Coley Welch stopped Henry Chmielewski in the tenth round, Eddie Booker kayoed Billy Connerty in the third. Ernie Vigh walloped Lou Schwartz. Cal Cagni drew with Vic Dellicurti who whipped Irwin Kaye Kaplan while the latter outpointed Pete Muscarnera. Howell King beat Jay Macedon and stopped Pat Mangini in four.

Al Gilbert drew with Waddell Washington. Jock McAvoy whipped Jack Hyams. Ron Richards knocked out Billy Britt in nine rounds. Jack Young stopped Billy Wiseman in the ninth. Al Marsden shaded Eddie Maguire. Ginger Sadd kayoed Dave McCleave in eight rounds. Jimmy Mandell and Tarzan Roy beat Harvey Massey while the latter drew with Waddell Washington.

Tony Thomas beat Billy Lancaster. Jackie Fisher stopped Stonewall Jackson. Larry Kellum whipped John Henry Eskew. Jack LaMotta whipped Jimmy Casa. Joe Sutka beat Gib Jones. Bill McDowell beat Bunky Wall and stopped Jackie Stewart in the fifth. Joe Lynch beat Francesco Montaneri.

Steve Hostak whipped Billy Grant. Nate Bolden decisioned Henry Jones. Augie Angarano stopped Warren Peterson in the first and Bobby Millsap stopped Red Myers in the second. Buster Carroll beat Mike Green.

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IN the welterweight division, Fritzie Zivic stopped Harry Weekly in nine rounds, defeated Phil Furr and drew with Young Kid McCoy. McCoy took the measure of Mike Kaplan. Weekly in turn walloped Bobby Britton. Holman Williams defeated Howell King. Cocoa Kid beat Freddie Camuso, stopped Pedro Tomez in four, and whipped Slugger White. White in turn kayoed Jimmy Leto in eight rounds and Norton Terry in four rounds. Joe Legon stopped Antonio Fernandez in the ninth. Jackie Wilson beat Sammy Secreet who in turn whipped Cleo McNeal. Maxie Berger kayoed Pete De Ruzza in six, walloped Beauford Glover but was in turn whipped by Al Nettlow.

Raul Carrabantes beat George Silvasey and Joe Boscarino. Wicky Harkins beat Al Franklin. Pete DeRuzza stopped Milo Theodorescu in eight. Baby Arizmendi beat Baby Breese. Norman Rubio beat Young Kid Chocolate. Tony Ferrara beat Jimmy McDaniels and was in turn whipped by Francesco Montaneri. McDaniels in turn stopped Vinnie Vines in four rounds while Vines whipped Al Franklin. Sonny Jones kayoed Lou Savero in two. Carl Dell beat Pedro Tomez and Mayon Padlo, who in turn stopped Buddy Holmes in a round. Ernie Roderick stopped Harry Mizler in eight. George Odwell whipped Jackie Kid Berg. George Elliott stopped Alf Blatch in ten. Allen Westbury stopped Les Sloan in four.

Hockey Bennell and Ronnie McLaughlin were both disqualified in the eleventh round. Tommy Armour knocked out Darkie Harris in five rounds. Jess Willard bested Paddy Roche. Vinnie Rossano beat Arthur Dorrell and kayoed Mel Williams in two heats. Mike Piskin beat Oscar Poindexter and Mickey Makar while the latter kayoed Tommy Milton in two.

Eddie Dolan walloped Rego Dell and stopped Eddie Guerra in the fifth round. Charlie Parham stopped Billy Smoth in seven, Dick Demeray in three and Sam Scully in one round. Honey Mellody kayoed Mexican Joey Rivers in six stanzas. Richard Polite stopped Francois DeTombeaux in a round. Carmen Notch beat Sammy Adragna while the latter was also beaten by Billy Murray.

Harvey Dubbs beat Tito Taylor and stopped George Nyberg in eight. Joey Raymond beat Justo Jiminez. Franke Saia beat Dave Bruce. Eddie Alzek stopped Al Evans in five. Pete Muscarnera drew with Bill Duffy. Red Moffett beat Frankie Velez. Jimmy Grimm beat Chino Lopez. Gene Johnson decisioned Cleo Shans.

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BOB MONTGOMERY leads the lightweight division by virtue of his four-round kayo of Jimmy Garrison. Juan Zorita defeated George Latka and kayoed Guy Serean in a round. Serean was also defeated by Leo Rodak who also trounced Joey Peralta. Peralta in turn scored over Carmelo Fenoy, who was beaten by Allie Stolz. Stolz also walloped Charley Varre. Dave

Castilloux decisioned Sonny Jones. Aldo Spoldi drew with Willie Joyce. Harry Hurst whipped Charley Varre and Vince Dell 'Orto.

Maxie Shapiro stopped Mexican Joey Silva in seven rounds. Freddie Archer beat Leo Dulmaine and Beau Jack, while the latter stopped Mexican Joey Rivers in three. Rodolfo Ramirez beat Toby Vigil who drew with Carlos Malacara. Malacara in turn walloped Julie Kogon, who was also beaten by Mike Evans. Eddie Lander beat Vic Troise. Chester Rico beat Charley Roberts and stopped Norman "Red" Rahn in four rounds. Bobby Ruffin whipped Ritchie Fontaine. Joey Peralta beat George Zengaras and Frankie Duane walloped Joe De Jesus. Bobby Ruffin beat Billy Davis.

Chief Crazy Horse beat Lou Fortuna. Harry Teaney trounced Tommy Speigel and was beaten by Ronnie Beaudin. Carmine Fatta stopped Willie Calhoun in two rounds and Maurice Lechamps in one round, but was beaten by Billy Davis. Kid Seely beat Jimmy Warnock and knocked out Billy Doherty in five. Dave Finn whipped Douglas Bygrave as did Dave Crowley. Bygrave in turn outpointed Mickey Martin. Spider Kelly scored over Mick Magee. George Zengaras walloped Guillermo Puentes. Buster Beaupre kayoed Al Dunbar in a round and Eddie Guerra in six.

Norman Snow chilled Harry Craster in the fifth. Ellis Phillips whipped Johnny Marcelline. Matt Dougherty walloped Chino Lopez. Al Reid beat Joey Marinelli. Mickey Farber stopped Morris Reif in seven and was beaten in turn by Ted Christie.

Joey Pirrone whipped K.O. Borrado. Frankie Duane won over Dave Crawford. Ray Price stopped Bobby Neal in a round. Santiago Sosa whipped Tony Mar. Oscar Wright kayoed Manuel Rosa in three and Willie Roach in six rounds. Charley Gomer stopped Norman Cordova in a round. Nello Nucelli whipped Joey Rivers. Gabe Paralta whipped Johnny Compo. Al Gauthier won by a knockout over Tim Renick in the fourth. Johnny Forte beat Dom Fiantini.

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CHALKY WRIGHT led the featherweight brigade with a six round kayo of Jorge Morelia. Jackie Wilson trimmed Richie Lemos. Pedro Hernandez defeated Tommy Forte. Bill Speary drew with Jimmie Kidd Hatcher. Jimmy Florita kayoed Hal Hoshino in a round. Lulu Costantino beat Joey Fontana and Henry Hook. Joey Iannotti walloped Joey Stack. Leon Haire kayoed Tony Fernandez in two and whipped Abe Denner.

Aaron Seltzer took the measure of Davey Crawford. Warren Kendall lost on a one-round foul to Kid Tanner. Poison Ivy and Abie Kaufman drew. Tommy Pauley whipped Joey Marinelli. Dom Fiantini drew with Chico Hernandez. Dick Corbett beat Mick Carney. Kid Young beat Mickey Miller. Cuthbert Taylor walloped Tommy Dowlais. Tom Smith shaded Jackie Rankin. Eddie Miller beat Billy Rainsbury. Vic Corchado defeated Frankie Donato.

Among the bantamweights, Luis Castillo leads the class with his two round knockout of Little Pancho. Pancho also drew with Elwood Romero. Tony Olivera kayoed Johnny Grady in five. Lorenzo Safora drew with the National Kid, who in turn kayoed Isidor Delgado in two. Jim Brady knocked Billy Walker in five and beat Syd Worgan. Kenny Lindsay stopped Nash Diaz in the fifth. Jimmy Stubbs stopped Johnny Shaughnessy and Johnny Boom each in three rounds. Billy Hazelgrove drew with Tiny Bostock. Ernie Burke beat Eddie DeAngelis.

In the flyweight class, Jackie Patterson stopped Billy Hazelgrove in nine rounds. Little Dado beat Joho Shiroma. Manuel Ortiz whipped Johnny Grady. Joe Curran beat Hugh Cameron. Norman Lewis beat Ronnie Clayton and kayoed Jim Parsons in the third. Johnny Ryan beat Pat Palmer.

The eight best prospects of the month are:

Flyweight—Johnny Ryan, Belfast, Ireland.

Bantamweight—Jimmy Chapman, Edmonton, Canada.

Featherweight—Willie Pep, Hartford, Conn.

Lightweight—Steve Ozga, Passaic, N. J.

Welterweight—Tony Thomas, Rockland, Maine.

Middleweight—Buddy Gomer, St. Paul, Minn.

Light-heavyweight—Leo Center, Savannah, Georgia.

Heavyweight—George Giambastini, Los Angeles, Calif.

Wrestling in California

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Now that Promoter Ray Fabiani is established as the new mat impresario in the Olympic Auditorium, the fan interest seems to be steadily increasing, probably due to the energetic manner in which Mr. Fabiani is conducting his business.

Several classic mat encounters have been staged in the Olympic lately, among them the Jim Londos-Chief Little Wolf closely fought battle and the ditto between Londos and Alberto Corral, Mexican sensation. Throughout all his bouts, Londos proves that he still possesses the superiority which has risen him from the ranks to the position of title-holder. No matter how formidable his opponent, he is always able to ably take care of himself and retain his advantage.

In addition to these title events, many new faces have been added to the programs, which is just the necessary spice needed to keep the fans coming. Pat Kelley, the clever, cool-headed Irish boy, has amazed everyone by the scientific and thorough way he has disposed of all competition placed before him. Hans Schnabel, the big blond bruiser, combines his brutality with his exceptional knowledge of wrestling, and has a record which many matmen eye with envy. His brothers, Otto and George, add the pepper to the mat bouts here on the Coast, with their in and out of the ring rough-house which at present writing has won George a stern word of reprimand from the athletic commission, together with an indefinite suspension.

Alberto Corral, a comparative newcomer from Mexico City, is one of the fastest and cleverest Mexican matmen we have seen. His ability was proven without a question in his close battle with Londos.

Among the other newcomers to the California mat scene in the past month have been the big iron man, Kolo Stasiak, a young fellow who has a winning way with a smashing fist. Count Rossi, the eccentric character of wrestling, has brought another masked matman to California, who is unusually named Boom Boom. Dan O'Connor, fresh from victories in Australia, is a crowd pleaser and has been winning all his matches at the Olympic.

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HOLLYWOOD HIGHLIGHTS—Climaxing a season of sensational speed and action, the Hollywood Legion Stadium, the West Coast "home" of the fast, lighter weight boys, crowned a new light-heavyweight champion—the sensational new youngster, Billy Vargo. After several action-spiced matches with Wild Red Berry, the former title-holder, Vargo finally achieved his ambition and as we go to press is wearing the robe and sceptre of the king of the light-heavyweight cauliflowers.

The lightweight title has been undergoing several changes at the Hollywood Stadium in the past few months, passing from Wild Red Berry, Danny McShain and Pavea Katonaan with regularity. Vargo was the dark horse in the campaign, and came through with flying colors.

Besides the title battle, many other highly exciting bouts have been presented for the Hollywood patrons. Bobby Coleman, the clever Jewish boy, cannot be disregarded as a title threat, inasmuch as he holds several wins over the new champion. Bob Gregory lends his pleasing style of grappling to the entertainment, and other crowd pleasers and antagonizers now in the film capital are Dude Chick, Monte LaDue, Yukon Jake, Don Sebastian, Silent Rattan, Sheik Mar Allah, Ben Sherman, Tony Morelli and Paul Bozzell.

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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA NOTES—In San Francisco, another title battle has been taking place with Frank Sexton finally emerging the winner. The dispute was for the Pacific Coast championship, and Jim Casey proved to be Sexton's biggest threat. In fact, big Jim did yank the title from Sexton in one encounter, but they were rematched and Sexton won it back.

The Pacific Coast champion had another scare when he met big, brawling Wee Willie Davis, and fighting Willie held him to a two-hour draw.

Promoter Joe Malcewitz pleases his fans with the really exciting epics in wrestling which he stages in the big Coliseum Bowl in San Francisco. Such well-known heavyweight wrestlers as Mike Mazurki, Harry Kent, Ivan Rasputin, Dr. Freddy Meyers, Ali Adali, Brother Jonathan, the Cardiff Giant, Pete Peterson, Juan Murrieta and Hans Schultz keep the crowds coming each week and provide peppery entertainment.

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TEXAS TOPICS—Genial Promoter Morris Sigel of Houston continues to come through week after week with top-notch talent and exciting events for his ever-growing throng of patrons. All the great wrestlers in the business are glad to visit the Texas territory for it is really a center of cauliflower activity in the South.

The two newest importations, Frederick Von Schacht, the big Milwaukee meanie, and Bobby Managoff, pointed to by experts as the next champion, are now headquartering in Houston and giving the fans plenty of action.

How Boxers of the World are Grouped

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Gene Espinosa, Los Angeles, Calif.; Chico Fernandez, Puerto Rico; Dom Fiantini, Reading, Pa.; Harry Fields, England; Johnny Forte, Philadelphia, Pa.; Ruby Garcia, New York City; Sammy Garcia, Boston, Mass.; Young Gildo, Philippine Island; Jimmy Gilligan, Buffalo, N. Y.; Jules Guidry, Paterson, N. J.; Lawrence Gunn, Baltimore, Md.; Henry Hook, Indianapolis, Ind.; Henry Huerta, Peoria, Ill.; Cristobal Jaramillo, Puerto Rico.

Sammy Mamome, Stamford, Conn.; Mel Neary, Philadelphia, Pa.; Curley Nichols, New York City; Eddie O'Leary, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Ray Olivio, New York City; Jimmy Paraggio, New York City; Louis Parrotto, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Marcus Pitts, Washington, D. C.

Pedro Poey, Cuba; Jackie Rankin, England; Curley St. Angelo, New York City; Aaron Seltzer, New York City; Martin Tabour, Providence, R. I.; Steve Vacarelli, New York City; Joey Varoff, New York City; Henry Vasquez, New York City; Billy Walker, England; Bobby Woods, Baltimore, Md.; Kid Young, Australia.

Bantamweight Division

(Group 1)

1—Kui Kong Young, Hawaii.
2—Manuel Ortiz, Los Angeles, Calif.
3—Lou Salica, Brooklyn, N. Y.
4—Rush Dalma, Philippine Islands.
5—Tony Olivera, Oakland, Calif.
6—Jim Brady, Scotland.
7—Freddie Pope, Columbus, Ohio.
8—Kid Tanner, British Guiana.
9—Jimmy Stubbs, England.
10—Tommy Forte, Philadelphia, Pa.
11—Ken Lindsay, Vancouver, B. C.
12—Horace Mann, San Jose, Calif.
13—Lupe Cordoza, Sacramento, Calif.

(Group 2)

(Listed Alphabetically)

Lou Barbetta, New York City; Black Joe, Hawaii; Ernie Burke, Portland, Me.; Tommy Burns, England; Frankie Carto, Philadelphia, Pa.; Carlos Chavez, Los Angeles, Calif.; Nat Corum, Los Angeles, Calif.; Nono Cuebas, Puerto Rico; Pablo Dano, Philippine Islands; Frankie Donato, Philadelphia, Pa.; Johnny Gaudes, Milwaukee, Wis.

Herbie Gilmore, Cincinnati, Ohio; Benny Goldberg, Detroit, Mich.; Johnny Grady, Los Angeles, Calif.; Jim Hayes, England; Paul Herrick, Portland, Me.; Sammy Jacobs, Montreal, Canada; Johnny Juliano, Paterson, N. J.; Warren Kendall, England; Tommy Kiene, Savannah, Ga.; Johnny King, England; Diogenes Leon, New York City; Gus Levine, New York City; Jimmy Lyden, England; Donnie Maes, Sacramento, Calif.; Bobby Magee, England; Alex McCullough, Hamilton, Canada.

Mickey Miller, Australia; Phil Milligan, England; Eddie Petrin, Montreal, Canada; Joey Puig, Hollywood, Calif.; Elwood Romero, Los Angeles, Calif.; Earl Roys, Bristol, Conn.; Lorenzo Safora, Cuba; Joho Shiromo, San Francisco, Calif.; George Smedley, Australia; Aurel Toma, Rumania; Pancho Villa, Mexico; Syd Worgan, England.

Flyweight Division

(Group 1)

1—Jackie Paterson, Scotland.
2—Little Dado, Philippine Islands.
3—Luis Castillo, Cuba.

(Group 2)

1—Johnny Shaughnessy, England.
2—Joe Curran, England.
3—Tiny Bostock, England.
4—Jackie Jurich, San Jose, Calif.
5—Small Montana, Philippine Islands.
6—Little Pancho, Philippine Islands.
7—Humberto Espinosa, Cuba.
8—Jimmy Stewart, England.

(Group 3)

(Listed Alphabetically)

Miguel Bahamonde, Cuba; Johnny Boom, England; Pierce Ellis, England; Oscar Feld, New York City; Rufino Jiminez, Mexico; Eric Jones, England; Peter Kane, England; Teddy Lawlor, Australia; Rinty Monoghan, England; Mario Morales, Mexico; Pat Palmer, England; Paddy Ryan, England; Jimmy Warnock, England; Ken Stanford, Australia; Al Woods, Australia.

To Our Readers

The RING Editor is extremely grateful to the many readers from all parts of the world who have been sending him the latest stamps from their country for The RING Collection. Such contributions are deeply appreciated.

I hope many more of our readers will join those who have been so thoughtful.

UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES

By TOM EPHREM

STEVE BELLOISE, The Ring's fifth ranking middleweight, now stationed at the Jacksonville Navy Air Base, kayoed South American Jose Cabellero in round two of a tenner, to top off Jimmy Finley and Ralph Yero's initial professional presentations at the Duval County Armory in Jacksonville on November 17. Belloise had too much for Cabellero. Almost 2,000 attended the premiere of pro boxing's return to that favorite spot. The card was a flop due to unequal matching that saw the crowd go home early. Every bout ended by the kayo route in the early cantos. Finley and Yero will have to do better than this to put boxing on top.

In the semi, Lightfoot Leo Center, young Savannah light-heavyweight sensation, came up from the deck in the second to score a knockout over Bob Monin, Tampa, in the third. Monin proved a game lad but had no defense for Center's punches. In a sixer, Sixto Morales came up with a three-round kayo over Joe Miller, who also came from Tampa, as does Morales. In a four opener, young Lou Trafton (Smith) won over his opponent.

Finley and Yero erred again when on December 1 they put the Tampa Terror, Tommy Gomez, on top with a Cowboy Greggs, who, personally a fine lad, cannot even spell "fight." Undoubtedly, Greggs proved to be the most awkward, unpresentable sort of fighter to be given top billing. If big time boxing in Jacksonville is to be offered it must be with better shows. Greggs had no business in the same ring with Gomez.

In the semi, Sailor Anton Pappas, of the local Base, decisioned Joey Dunne in eight rounds of pretty good boxing. Dunne hit the canvas several times, but put up a game struggle against his better rival. They are welters.

In a scheduled eight, Sixto Morales kayoed Young McGovern, a man who hit his best form years ago. They are welters also. Larry Lynn and Manny Garcia, lightweights, put on a real scrap, punch for punch, for one round and when the smoke cleared, Garcia heard the "ten count." This single round, full of action, was the best fight Finley and Yero had on both cards.

Joe Keegan, local Air Baser, under personal direction of Tommy Tucker and Georgie Abrams, got the judges' nod from Jess Harris in a light-heavy duel. It was Joey's first pro bout. Lou Trafton (Smith) and Bogieman Coleman went to a hard draw in the four opener. Lou scored a knockdown in the first. The Keegan-Harris go was also for four rounds. Around 1500 attended, notably the fellows from the National Baseball Convention of Professional Leagues.

At New Orleans, on December 1, Leo Rodak, Chicago lightie, outpointed Joe Peralta, conqueror of Chalky Wright several months ago, in ten rounds. Larrupin' Leo improves with age, it seems . . . . Again at New Orleans, on November 24, Bobby Ruffin beat Ritchie Fontaine in ten. Both are lighties . . . . In Chester, S. C., on Nov. 24, Tampa Tommy Gomez kayoed Wild Bill Rhinehardt in the second round. This was Tommy's first bout outside Tampa and Jacksonville and Miami.

Al Caroly of New Haven, Conn., is the fight matchmaker for the West Palm Beach club, a good move, as Al knows his stuff. Former State Senator Harry Durant of Connecticut, is backing Caroly. C. O. Hart, young West Palm Beach lad, will serve as publicity writer for the group.

Winton Knight, newly acquired Ring reader, is learning to box from Jimmy Powell, and Winton means business . . . . F. D. Hughes is another to add as a Ring enthusiast.

Jimmy Kidd Hatcher, Florida featherweight star, clashed again with Billy Speary in Nanticoke, Penn., with the verdict a draw. It was a good fight.

At Miami Beach on Nov. 17, Joey Raymond defeated Justo Jiminez in a lightweight ten-rounder. Where does Raymond get all his energy as age creeps up on him? . . . . At New Orleans on Nov. 17, Harry Weekly beat Bobby Britton in 10 rounds of a welter affair, while Leo Rodak outpointed Guy Serean in 10.

At Macon, on Dec. 3, D. T. Bell, light-heavyweight localer, scored a single round kayo over Eddie Wilson of a Christmas charity affair.

A deep shock to Florida fight citizens, especially down Miami and the Beach way, is the death of Mrs. Bill Gore, beloved wife of the prominent Southern fight trainer, Bill Gore, who died at her mother's home in Providence, R. I., recently. A very familiar figure at the weekly fights and a lady who knew the game as well as her husband, she leaves a large host of friends behind. May dear God rest her soul in peace. By strange coincidence, the sister of Jimmy Grippo, fight manager of Melio Bettina, who is trained by Bill Gore, died also on the same day . . . . And another friend of yours truly, a friend of boxing and himself part of it, Tom Andrews of Milwaukee, heard the call to Valhalla.

Send all fight news and queries for this corner to Tom Ephrem, 605 West Forsyth St., Jacksonville, Florida.

Win or lose to Tony Zale, Georgie Abrams will appear first in Jacksonville, according to word received here from his manager, Chris Dundee, who is a close friend of Jimmy Finley, Jacksonville matchmaker, and offers his assistance to the latter.

Tommy Pauley, bright featherweight bopper from Miami, upset Joe Marinelli of Dayton, Ohio, in a ten-rounder in the Resort City on Dec. 1. Pauley is a hard hitting southpaw. He hasn't lost a fight in a good while.

While at the Florida *Times-Union* sports department, the sports editor, Sam Butz, asked about Nat Fleischer's All-Time Boxing Record Book. Sam feels the help and need of a book for his department. Frank Matey, one of his writers, chimed in with, "We've got to have one here in our office," especially on phone calls from boxing questioners. The first Record book off the press comes to yours truly, our honor. This has been promised me by Nat, autographed, too.

Bill Gore, Miami boxing trainer, is doing great work with Melio Bettina in capacity of trainer. Melio is now ready for the very top heavies. Gore's bright welter boxer, Billy Murray, beat Sammy Adragna on the Bettina-Harry Bobo card in Pittsburgh. Previously, Melio won over Jimmy Bivins in Cleveland.

Pete Montesi, New York fight manager and trainer, thinks Jacksonville's colored lightweight, Ray Powell, has the goods. Ray has a fine man behind him in Montesi . . . . Jack Larrimore, Miami welter, lost to Frankie Wills at Norfolk, a 10-rounder, after he had beaten Yucatan Kid in Miami, while on furlough . . . . At Hernando, Miss., on Nov. 24, Tiger Beech kayoed Bennie Davis in the third, in a one-sided affair. On the same card, stablemate Cowboy Greggs kayoed one Gaylon Stone in seven . . . . The Ring Editor, Nat Fleischer, will referee in South Carolina on January 22, 1942, whereafter, if possible, he will make a trip to Jacksonville.

Austin Reed of New Albany, Miss., sends in about the Center's activity. Curly Garrison was beaten by Clifford Reed; Milton Garrison drew with Les Rogers; J. W. Dugar beat Wayne Hunter and Austin Reed won from Joel Garrison . . . . Sammy Magro, Birmingham welter now under Chris Dundee, did well in beating Vinnie Rossano, winner over Artie Dorrell, for his new skipper at the Broadway Arena in New York City.

Jimmy Kidd Hatcher added another win to his growing list, in beating Jimmy Gilligan, a semi-final to the Harry Jeffra-Joey Archibald card, which saw Harry beat Joey. Hatcher has not lost a bout in several years but Billy Speary held him to a draw recently in their second clash.

There's another heavyweight down South who may bear watching. He is Carlisle Thompson, Anderson youngster, who decisioned Hardrock Harden in ten rounds at the Charlotte Armory. Carlisle has 15 bouts under his belt now, on Nov. 10 . . . . Thompson was the Carolinas' Golden Gloves champ. In his money bouts, Carlisle won all his fights, only four not going the distance. This win over Harden was for the state of North Carolina title.

Bill Clearfield of Philadelphia has several good boys in his stable, with Ellis Philips, a 128-pounder, a coming sensation . . . . A distinguished Jacksonville visitor was Matt Brock, one time featherweight ace who met the very best in his weight, such as Johnny Dundee, Johnny Kilbane, George "Kayo" Chaney and others. Matt is a close pal of Nat Fleischer and has the highest words for The Ring Magazine. Matt was a guest at Joby Schlesinger's home here in Jacksonville and also met his friend, Harry Cherry. Joby, after the races, he being a jockey, would get out of racing togs and rush to second Matt in his battles. Harry Cherry was former sports editor of the Memphis *Press* and the *Press Scimitar* and did much boxing himself. In fact, he managed Jack Lazarow, the present manager of Tiger Beech, and in many instances Harry and Jack would tangle themselves. The latter was known then as Young Jack Dempsey. Matt Brock is very active in his home city, Cleveland, where he officiates with the Golden Gloves annually and follows horse racing closely. He does some refereeing, too, and still is spry.

Dave Karess, co-managing with Jack (Doc) Moore in New York City, wishes a shot for his Charlie Eagle with Tommy Gomez in either a Tampa or Jacksonville ring. Dave is all out for his colored heavyweight, Big Al Hart . . . . A fine pleasure was ours when Frank LaMarque had us meet his charming wife, Mrs. LaMarque. The lady does office work for Frank and is a big help to ever-busy Frank . . . . Bobby Britton stopped Clarence Cotton King in nine in Miami Beach, with a body attack . . . . B. T. Pate has a nice lightweight prospect in Johnny McGrath, now in West Palm Beach . . . . In Jacksonville, The Ring can be purchased at Jake's Stand on Hogan and Forsyth Streets, and at Pop Von Reedon's at Main and Adam Streets. In Tampa, The Ring is selling well, said Frank LaMarque, the fight promoter there, and local papers mention it in fight publicity.

Boxing is Popular

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to the solar plexus, felled the Quincy lad. That was the end—Ellis was counted out.

Eddie wasn't satisfied with the result—claimed he had been short counted, so a return match was arranged. Young didn't stop Ellis this time, for the cagey colored boy fought a different battle—stayed on the defensive, kept away from Young's terrific left chop. Though he failed to stop him, Young won every round, thus proving his mastery of Ellis is definite.

Young is not ready for the leaders yet, but is surely facing in that direction. He uses his left hand—being a southpaw—with plenty of speed and power.

In his last four fights he stopped Al Shapiro of Kansas City in 3; halted Ellis in 1; won by decision over Rego Dell of Bridgeport in 10; and Ellis by decision in 8. Seven losses dot his record here and there against the best opposition. His best bouts were with Cocoa Kid, a draw; his victory over Harry Weekly and his kayo of George Pepe.

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YOU have the world welterweight champion's word for it that life in Uncle Sam's Navy is swell. Freddie Cochrane looks great, is bubbling over with enthusiasm for his job in the service and is high in his praise both of the men and the way they are handled at the Naval Training Station in Newport, R. I.

Cochrane writes that he never saw men with higher morale than the nautical young fellows—more than 3,000 of them—now quartered at Newport.

"I haven't met a man who doesn't like it, at the Newport Naval Station," says the redhead, the world welterweight champion. "And why shouldn't they like it? At the naval base we have everything a fellow would want. It's a healthy life and an interesting one. I love it." And as for boxing, the boys eagerly take to it. It's fun, and a great physique developer."

Fred Huggins is the physical director of the Newport athletic department and Cochrane works under him.

Freddie has nothing but praise for the men with whom he's associated in the service. It's a pretty busy life for the champ up at the Newport Naval Base and he's enjoying every minute of it. Asked to tell how he starts his daily routine, Freddy wrote:

"We muster in at 8 o'clock, after a good breakfast, every morning, then we have about a half or three-quarters of an hour's exercising. I take a class of about seventy-five and direct them, and then I get another class.

"We eat again at noon and in the afternoon I have a lot of special boxing classes. Then we eat at 5 and most of the men are free after that. Occasionally I have classes at night.

"The food is the best and there's plenty of it. The fellows have lots of recreation of all kinds. They can swim, play basketball, football, pool and table tennis or do some fencing. We have movies, too.

"The three fellows with whom I bunk, are the best in the world. I've been very lucky. Two of them, Bob Bond and Bill Tipping, were with the Philadelphia Athletics. Bob's a first baseman and Bill's a pitcher. The other is Harold Schneider, who is a protege of Dave Shade.

"The spirit of my boxing pupils has impressed me deeply. I'm the only instructor at the base and I teach a lot of men. They're all eager to learn, and they're picking up the finer points of the art very nicely. I won't be surprised—in fact, I predict that several high class boxers will be turned out by the Navy."

The Ring's Quiz

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HOW much do you really know about fights and fighters. If you can come through with three out of five you can pat yourself on the back as an expert in the history of the game. The answers will be found on page 45.

1—Name brothers who held world championship.

2—What heavyweight champions, dethroned, made unsuccessful attempts to regain the crown?

3—What New York state boxing judge, once a fighter, was the last to engage in a turf battle with the bare fists and the first to fight in a padded ring with two ounce gloves?

4—Who was the first Negro to win a world championship and was the first to win and hold three championships at one time?

5—What was the first international championship staged for the heavyweight title and what was the result?

6—What fighters engaged in a Garden battle which set an indoor record for gate receipts?

Wrestlers in the Spotlight

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ball, handball, and is a champion swimmer. Tackling is his favorite attack on the mat.

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IRISH PAT FRALEY. He is a native of Houston, Texas. He is the latest mat star to catch the fancy of the Philadelphia fans. This curley-haired Lone Star Stater has done well in Eastern mat circles. He has won over the patrons through his orthodox brand of bone-bending, plus his novel winning attacks, although he is proficient in the uses of all known legal holds. He has been around for the past half a dozen years, having faced the foremost in the world. It was only two years ago that Fraley took a trip to Australia and it was there that he perfected his present star holds—the three-quarters drop kick and the flying toe-hold which he successfully used against the opposition in the Down Under Territory and is meeting with equal success in this country.

Fraley, besides being an accomplished wrestler, is also known throughout the entire Panhandle as a Singing Cowboy. Pat has sung over numerous Southern and western radio chains, and in fact, is still under contract with the broadcasting system in his home sector to sing and play his guitar.

He stands six feet one inch tall; weighs 225 pounds; is married and the father of three children.

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IN SOUTHERN U. S. CAMPS

By TOM EPHREM

TOMMY TUCKER, Jacksonville Air Base heavyweight, put a huge dent into the quite sensational rise of Johnny Colan of New York's Hell Kitchen, by stopping the West Sider in the ninth round of a ten rounder at St. Nick's Arena in New York City. A 5 to 1 underdog against his foe, Tommy came into his own in the second round and kept it going until a bad gash close to the eye socket prompted Dr. Schiff to call it a night. Even if the fight would have gone the distance, Tucker would have been acclaimed winner, having a big lead to enjoy.

Tales of undaunted courage in the ring take their place along in the history of the game. They can add another name to the list. Just jot down, Georgie Abrams. The scrappy sailor from the Jacksonville station gave a remarkable demonstration of courage under fire in his middleweight action-provider with Tony Zale at Madison Square Garden.

Steve Belloise scored a two-round kayo win over Jose Cabellero in the Duval County Armory in Jacksonville. Steve had things his own way and what a showman! If Steve never gets to be the champion, one consolation is that he can draw them in anytime. He has "color."

Frankie Poreda, the baby of the local station fighters under Gene Tunney, lost a ten-rounder to trial horse Buddy Knox, in Newark.

Al Nettlow, another of the boys at the Jacksonville Naval Air Base, won a ten-round decision over Canada's Maxie Berger in the New York Coliseum. Nettlow's fellow stablemate and also an Uncle Sam sailorboy, Cal Cagni, drew with Vic Dellicurti in the same Coliseum.

Steve Belloise had two shots up North. He beat Phil Furr and Jerry Fioriello . . . . Jimmy Lowery, a Bill Gore fistic product, has joined up with Uncle Sam's manly Marines. Jimmy is stationed at Parris Island, S. C., and hopes to keep up boxing.

Tommy Tucker and Georgie Abrams will be glad to know that Jacksonville fight fans are talking up their boy, Joey Keegan, as a coming kid. They all like his style and with more brushing up, just you watch him and see.

All the way from Shanghai, China, come nice words about THE RING Magazine and from an American Marine, Sgt. William J. Kowall, Jr., of Danbury, Conn. Billy goes on to say in a letter to his close friend, Pete Montesi, that a Marine, also out in Shanghai, gets THE RING Magazine and who can this young American soldier be? None other than "Happy" Welch, brother of Coley Welch, a ranking middleweight by THE RING. Happy and Billy are good friends, and the former named is a boxer of no mean ability. He holds the lightweight championship of China and was presented with a belt donated by the Shanghai Boxing Association. Billy's letter to Pete was relayed by the latter to Curt Wilson, sports editor of the Danbury *News-Times* who printed the full letter in his widely read column.

And through THE RING, one pal now gets in touch with another. Pvt. Ellis K. McHale, stationed in Manila, Philippine Islands, read Chubby Meeks' name in an issue and sends him a letter in our care . . . . Welterweight Champ Freddie Red Cochrane meets Bobby Britton in a Miami benefit for Ev Clay.

Jack Dempsey, ready, willing and able to do something for Uncle Sam to make Unk's soldiers physically fit and develop the bodies of our fighting men. Better grab him now Sammy. We sure do need him.

Mark Cohn, ex-City College boxing instructor, doing ditto at Fort Knox, Ky., was given a promotion to the rank of sergeant. Congratulations, Mark . . . . Lt.-Commander Gene Tunney, of the Navy, gave Sunny Jim Coffroth a big pull in his Navy Day speech at San Francisco, stating that Jim made the city the cradle of American boxing . . . . Marty McGann, who acted as third man at all the boxing shows at Fort Dix, was discharged from the Army . . . . When the roll call comes for selection of "best man" for one of the Jacksonville Base boxers, we all are going to get more competition from Johnny "Jit" Jackson of North Bergen, N. J. . . . . According to Leon Aboud, a Jacksonville boy with the maritime service up Boston way, a Gaylord Gay, Jr., from St. Petersburg, Fla., is up there and a good boy, as clippings show.

Bill Cocke, a lad in the Army at Pine Camp, N. Y., with his friend, Ralph Hamilton, are spending their time in organizing the boxing sport to the soldiers up there. Ralph fought in the mid-west prior to his entrance into the Army, mostly around Chicago. His duty is in assisting the Regimental Morale Officer in the 51st Infantry, at that post. Both Bill and Ralph are eager to bring in teams from all parts of the state and things look very favorable for them. Go to it, fellows.

Muz Patrick, the hockey player inducted into the Army several months ago, is managing two fighters, Jimmy Cirella, featherweight, and Jimmy Kemp, lightweight, all at Camp Wheeler, Ga. . . . . Color Sergeant W. L. Ring, who once beat Harry Greb, died recently in England.

Boxing at the Trade School Arena at the Jacksonville Base took shape and here are the results: J. W. Baker lost to J. E. Zydel, lightweights; J. R. Van Landingham drew with J. Penyaek, middleweights; J. Sugden and N. A. Jones, welterweights, drew; M. N. Tippen and A. H. Barne, welters, drew; F. D. Inman and G. B. Spencer, drew (lightweights); G. M. Kris and D. L. Williams, feathers, drew; Tommy (Hero) Tucker was the third man and Spike Howard served as judge.

In another series of boxing at the Trade School at the local Base, the following bouts and results: R. E. Mason drew with F. W. Merrill, lightweights; J. Wagner beat J. E. Zydel, welters; H. J. Richardson drew with B. C. Rubino, who was outweighed five pounds; W. R. Dusrene decisioned L. J. Foley, middleweights; J. J. Kimball beat C. J. Szeszko, middleweights; J. D. Burns outpointed N. P. Ross, lightweights; G. M. Kriss beat N. A. Jones, lightweights; and J. L. Ross drew with D. F. Byers, heavyweights. Tommy (Old Reliable) Tucker refereed; S. A. Carbone was timer and the judges were Ensign R. L. Holland, T. B. Heath and Tucker. This card was held under the supervision of the athletic officer, Lt. Commander E. M. Shields and Assistant Athletic Officer Gunner W. H. Anthony. The bouts were sponsored by the athletic department.

'Tis a pity that a wonderful prospect as Tommy Gomez, who fits in nicely in the future heavyweight picture, hasn't a place to train at Camp Blanding and cannot get the proper facilities needed for a boxer. According to his trainer, Pete Leto, Pete himself had to build whatever "a training quarter" is now there for his charge, Why can't the men in charge understand that a fighter must have the qualities needed for proper training? Wouldn't it be a much better idea to have such as Gomez and Mike Raffa and others in their shoes, be placed in the Morale Division? By studying Gomez, I think the young fellow is so disgusted that he may bid bye-bye to his promising fistic career.

You can get your RING Magazine while down town in Jacksonville at Jake's stand at corner Hogan and Forsyth Streets. Also at Pop Von Reedon's at Main and Adam Streets. Both carry a larger supply of RINGS especially for you all. Any information wanted will be gladly given. Address: Tom Ephrem, 605 West Forsyth Street, Jacksonville, Florida. Well fellows, see you all next trip.

BOXING IN PANAMA CAMPS

By PVT. P. L. CAPARELL

ARMY men at the various camps in Panama are enjoying their boxing, judging by the large number who have been turning out for the regular shows. Among the men who took part in last month's shows and won their bouts are Cook, Mauceri, Ashley, Baily, Sarviskis, Cilbreath, Tavares, Forbes, Cullura, Brewster, Rose, Unterberger, and Bock.

Wheeler, who won the junior bantam title at Balboa Field, was voted the outstanding boxer of the month. He beat Phillips in four rounds.

Fiori, Schreider, Calautti, Foster and Elkins scored knockouts in bouts at this field.

Dorr, a welter, although licked by La Quitara, is a fine prospect. Becker, a welter, who beat Brewster in four rounds at Balboa Field, is another good prospect.

The Fort Randolph Atlantic Section boxers have been active. Quale, Madore, Sarge, Gillette, McCoy and Giumond, were among the month's winners. Cook, a flyweight who decisioned Caliri in four rounds at Balboa, was voted an outstanding performer.

Other victors during the month in soldier boxing contests were: Pikey, Hucks, Van Metre, Tacaris, Showmaker, Resendez, O'Neil, Brinkley, Pulley, Blazer and Baggart.

In the Atlantic section of Fort Davis, Burnette, Billings, Hill, Brabham and Yensko triumphed in inter-company bouts.

The finals found the following winners: Yensko, Bivalaca, McBurnie, Groves, Woodcock, Hilton, Farry, Stiles, Robie Hodgers, Rhoden, Frigind, Borzie, Tylka and Hanna.

Boxing results in and around Panama City follow:

Baby Coullimber, Cuba, kayoed Battling Nelson in eight rounds; Rene Sanchez decisioned Dan Calcano, 10 rounds; Baby Coullimber and Leocadio Torres drew in ten; Young Hurtado beat Manolo Sanchez in ten heats (Sanchez is middleweight champion of Cuba); Sammy Medina beat Baby Sam Blas in ten; Young Shadow defeated Young Hurtado in 15 heats (for welterweight championship of Panama).

Young Shadow again licked Young Hurtado in ten cantos; Panama Jack Renault trounced Pedro Medina and then licked Jose Rozo in ten rounds each; Kid Zefine of Panama knocked out Chile Cantero in four semesters, and in a return go again did the trick in seven; Young Tunney defeated Rene Cantero twice in tens.

Baby Coullimber won a disputed decision over Leo cadio Torres, 10 rounds; Gerardo Beckford whipped Perico Flores in a sixer; Ruperto Reyes did away with Baby Cooper in three; Baby Nelson required only three rounds in which to finish off Chile Cantero.

Victor Gonzales won from Baby Santoya and then was licked by Gerardo Beckford; Young Gibson whipped Baby San Blas in eight. In turn, Baby San Blas also drew with Guillermo Andrade in ten; Dan Calcano kayoed Young Castello, three rounds.

Young Finnegan scored a hit by the easy manner in which he put away K.O. Caballero, three rounds, following up this win with another kayo, this time at the expense of Cesar Arosemena; Kid Yellow drew with Gregorio Perez and then licked Perico Flores.

ABERDEEN PROVING GRD., MD.

By LEO "CHUCK" CONNORS

THE Ordnance Training Center, Champions, from Aberdeen Proving Grd., won twelve bouts during the past month. They beat York, Pa., Reading, Lancaster, and the Podles's A.C. of Baltimore, Md. and also won over service teams at the Proving Ground Arena.

The leading service men for the past month were Irving Simonovitz, who as a pro is known as Sonny Simon. Sonny, won five bouts, all by the knockout route. Before entering the service, Sonny engaged in fifty-three fights and lost only one.

The O. T. C. heavyweight champion, Irish Todd Cole, continues his winning ways. He won the last two bouts by K.O. route. I am turning Todd over to Jack Moore and Dave Karess, New York fistic handlers.

We have a Negro here who won the National heavyweight title, and traveled to Berlin, Germany. His name is Big Boy Powell. He also was with the Joe Lewis stable. He trained with Louis for a few months. Yours Truly is booking this boy, Powell, so far has three K.O. victories down here.

With a flurry of fisticuffs, knockouts, and grunts and groans, plus an added touch of humor, eight top notch bouts were put on, at No. 3 Theatre, before a full house. Topping the display was, P.F.C. Todd Cole's timely konckout over Pvt. Howard Buster, in a bout that had the fans on their feet. Cole, had Buster on the floor, six times, but Buster kept on getting up, until Referee Lt. Luther Barth, stopped the bout in the third round.

Yours truly is the matchmaker for the Proving Ground, and I train all of the fighters.

One of the best prospects here at Aberdeen is big boy Steve Dziadik, who is from the fighting M.P. Co. Dziadik hails from around New Haven, Conn. Steve won the South Atlantic championship at Aberdeen by a K.O. over Bernie Michelon.

We have ten Post exchanges here on the post and yours truly took a little trip around to see if I could find a "RING" MAGAZINE. Well it was a waste of time, as they informed me that they were all sold out days before. The manager of the P.X. tells me that he has orders now a week in advance, for the "RING". Just as soon as the boys here at the camp heard that we were to have a column in the "RING" they swamped the P.X. for it. We just made some new friends for the "RING". The following have their orders in for the "RING": Corp. Jim Chemi, who is the editor of our camp paper; Sgts. J. Kirby B. Narcia, M. Turko; Pvts. Jimmy Carr, Emerson, Kelley, Haller, Thomas, B. Woytovich; S. Kepley, the fighting cook; Sgt. Jimmy Hoffmeister and W. McConnell.

At Edgewood Arsenal, boxing is at a low ebb, because the boys have been on maneuvers but Lt. Boyles expects boxing to be resumed shortly. Lt. Boyles is the Morale officer. A few of the boys that are at Edgewood are Cpl. Mike Motsko, who by the way won over our K.O. king, little Jimmy Carr, Leonard Pate, Tampa Red Barnes, M. Schaffer and George Liggins.

At Fort Dupont which is located at Wilmington, Del., they boast of a tough bunch of boys who are known as the Fighting Engineers. The best prospect up there is Al. Tribuana, a pro. Ralph Tribuana, is the boxing promoter at Wilmington, Del.

Notes we received too late for publication came from Edgewood, and from Pvt. Philip Scheidling, at Camp Lee, Virginia. Your correspondent can be reached at Morale Dept., c/o Major N. W. Smith, O.T.C. Hdqs. Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland. So long until next time. . . .

Nat Fleischer Says:

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to raw novices, men from the army camps, the C.C.C. camps, lumberjacks, miners, wheat field workers, and others of that type, he would have assured himself of better patronage and better publicity and would probably have found at least one newcomer who would have added interest to the heavyweight ranks.

But now that his tournament is over, where to go from here, is Barbaro's problem. Savold will go no further than he now is; Marshall is just another fighter; and Zamoris another survivor who was kept out of the final through an injury, doesn't rate high. The rest of the field was so mediocre that even the home town folk didn't pay much attention to them.

So Frank Barbaro is out some heavy dough; Savold has gained another lease of life and Joe Louis still stands supreme, without a "white hope" to molest him.

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THE famous knockout fist of Joe Louis has found a place in the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library and National Archives at Hyde Park, home of the President. It is the gift of Dr. Walter H. Jacobs of New York City, whose hobby is moulding the fists of pugilists of note. Dr. Jacobs has in his vast collection, those of Barney Ross, Tony Canzoneri, Louis, Dempsey, Tunney, Nova, Conn, Ambers, Armstrong, Kid Kaplan, Carnera, Schmeling, Sharkey, and at least two dozen others. He has duplicated a set in the Museum of New York City where they are on exhibition and another set he has duplicated for THE RING Museum. The rubber mouthpieces used by Louis, Ross, Canzoneri, Ambers, Armstrong and many other famous ring warriors, were made by Dr. Jacobs, who is a dentist.

Fortune's Favorites

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the ring in 1941. His Svengal act with Abe Simon when everyone agreed that the Brooklyn giant's place was anywhere but in the prize ring, his rejuvenation of dispirited home-loving Bob Pastor when the New York boy seemed all set for the fireside and slippers, his trick of maneuvering Tommy Tucker back into the spotlight, and above all his ability to wangle the most lucrative agreements out of hard-fisted fight promoters all over the country puts Johnston in a class by himself among boxing managers of today.

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CHRIS DUNDEE in spite of the Webb downfall handled his manifold boxing interests, in his usual meticulous manner, turning up in main event spots at Madison Sq. Garden more often than anyone else. Willie Ketchum, although stuck with a real problem child in Lew Jenkins, did as well as could be expected with that unpredictable individual, and filled the shoes of Hymie Caplin capably in administering the affairs of Lou Salica, the bantam king. Willie also did a fine job in rebuilding Allie Stolz' faith in himself and he is bringing out the best in the class-filled boy.

That peerless pugilistic propagandist Maurie Waxman, conducted an unending war of nerves in behalf of Bobby Ruffin that missed putting Bobby into a title match with Champion Jenkins through no fault of Maurie's.

Jack Hurley has guided Lem Franklin into a position where the new Menace commands attention as the most dangerous threat to Louis title since Schmeling. This is no mean feat as maneuvering a colored heavyweight into a contending position requires unheard of diplomacy, patience, and persistency.

Willie Gilzenburg and Babe Cullnan kept right after Fritzie Zivic when the latter seemed to be a bit averse to going through with his Cochrane contract, and after several postponements climaxed by a financial walloping, wound up with a world's champion, well worth all the trouble and expense.

Globular Lew Diamond and Soldier Joe Vella did a great job with Gus Lesnevich, finally convincing the Adonis of the Palisades that fighting was his forte.

Dewey Fragetta kept his fighters busier than anybody else's, and those two reserved and astute Californians, business men, Ray Carlen and Ancil Hoffman, wound up with large gobs of money for their proteges Lou Nova and Buddy Baer respectively, in their usually quiet, efficient way. But right up front, getting somebody's goat as he's been doing these past 50 years, derby cocked over one eye, still setting the pace for all round managerial ability is the familiar figure of James J. Johnston.

The palm for showing the most improvement in 1941 over previous years clearly belongs to Melio Bettina, the bring-home-the-bacon-to-Beacon boy from New York State. The stocky Italian lad at last seems to have overcome his long time habit of fading in the stretch of his most important battles. It all seems clear now that the reason for Bettina's running out of gas in the latter rounds as he used to do in former years must have been due to weight making. This is apparently proven by his 1941 record, a record that shows all winning battles with the lone exception of his Cleveland go with Anton Christoforidis which was waged at the 175-pound notch, due to the title status given it by the N. B. A.

Against heavyweights in catchweight bouts for the remainder of the year, the southpaw was practically invincible. He capped a stirring string of successes with an important victory over big, hard-hitting Harry Bobo, to whom he conceded 21½ pounds, arising from a last-round knockdown to edge out the Pittsburgh puncher. Against Red Burman, whom he outclassed, Buddy Knox, whom he stopped, Pat Valentino, and Jimmy Bivins, whom he trounced handily, Bettina was equally impressive.

Not only did he convince fight followers that he is one of the best southpaws to come along in years, he also established himself as a prospective indoor foe of merit for Joe Louis as no one compiled a better record in the unlimited class than he did in 1941.

So here they stand, fortune's favorites of '41. May the coming year treat them as kindly as did the one that is gone.

The Ring's Quiz Answers

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HERE are the answers to the questions printed on page 43.

1—Joe Dundee and Chris Dundee.

2—James J. Corbett, Bob Fitzsimmons, Jack Dempsey and Max Schmeling. When Jeffries tried his comeback in a bout with Johnson, he came out of retirement. He had voluntarily abdicated hence had not lost the title prior to comeback.

3—Bob Cunningham. He fought Tim O'Connell at New Orleans in last battle turf and fought Sammy Kelly in first padded ring bout.

4—Jack Johnson won world heavyweight title. Henry Armstrong held featherweight, lightweight and welter crowns at one time.

5—John C. Heenan vs. Tom Sayers at Farnborough, England, 1860. Ended in draw after men had fought 42 rounds, six without a referee.

6—Jimmy Maloney vs. Jack Delaney, February 18, 1927. Gate of $201,613.

WISCONSIN NEWS

By MATT DOUGHERTY

THE sporting world, and the boxing fraternity in particular, mourned the death of Tom Andrews this month. Tom had a legion of friends both here and in Australia, who remember him for his quiet, dignified manner and his untarnished principles. Andrews was one of boxing's foremost historians and for years kept the most complete records available. May he rest in peace.

Milwaukee boxers, in order to instigate action in this long dormant city, formed a cooperative club. They agreed to work on strict percentages, borrowed a promoter's and matchmaker's license, rented a hall at the Auditorium and proceeded to run a show.

On December 3, in the eight-round wind-up, Matt Dougherty won an easy but interesting decision over rugged Chino Lopez, 141, Kansas City. Dougherty's eye was cut in the fourth, but he punched and boxed his way to a clean victory.

Bobby Millsap, Milwaukee colored middleweight, drew a clown in Red Myers of Akron, O., but turned the heat on and knocked Myers kicking in the second.

Billy Pierce, 162, displayed real punching power in knocking Sherman Edwards out in the first. After three knockdowns, Referee Julius Fidler stopped the slaughter.

In a four-rounder, Don Wallenfang showed to good advantage in beating Frankie Thomas of Tampa, Fla. Don used a deft left jab and an occasional right to keep Thomas in check. Thomas tried a rally in the fourth, but it was too late to swing the tide.

In the opener, Frank Pintero got off the floor in the first to outpoint colored Eddie Carson in four. A wild right caught Frankie unawares in the first, but he took command after that and forced Carson to run and duck.

Nov. 14—At Eau Claire, on the first show of the season, Charlie Parham, Detroit colored welter, knocked out Sam Scully in the first. Scully had little chance against the heavy socking Detroiter.

James Edgar K.O.'ed Sherman Edwards, Chicago, in the first. Carl Ford knocked out Ray Johnsrude in one. John McCarthy put away Billy Boyce in the first, and Len Remarick beat Ray John in the four-round opener. The show drew only $300.

Dec. 6—Eau Claire's second show drew less than the first. In the wind-up Carl Ford knocked out George Loefler in three. John McCarthy kayoed Bill Boyce in one, Duane Bowen beat Young O'Hara in four, Ralph Leslie decisioned Bud Burkhart in four, Art Kortness drew with Ed Smith in four, and Len Remarick stopped Vernon Glenna in three. Gene La Rue is the promoter for the Eau Claire club.

The Boxers' Cooperative wish to thank the many persons who made it possible for them to run shows. The boxing commission, Dr. McCormick, Referee Julius Fidler, Promoter Billy Mitchell, Matchmaker Johnny Heim, the sports writers, and a host of others are due a vote of gratitude for their ready help.

SECTIONAL RATINGS

IN an effort to develop local interest in the boys who are fighting their way to national recognition, THE RING has had its correspondents list the boxers of their localities according to ability as exemplified in their 1941 contests. Here is THE RING'S annual sectional ranking of boxers:

SOUTHERN RANKINGS
By Tom Ephrem

Heavyweights—Tommy Gomez, Florida; Tiger Beech, Tennessee; Claudio Villar, Florida and South America; Carlisle Thompson, North Carolina.

Light-heavyweight—Leo Center, Georgia.

Welterweights—Harry Weekly, Louisiana; Sammy Magro, Alabama; Jack Larrimore, Florida; Cosby Linson, Louisiana; Billy Murray, Florida; Bobby Britton, Florida; Yucatan Kid, Florida.

Middleweights—Jose Cabellero, Florida and South America; Tom Sharkey, Florida; Gene Molnar, Florida and Michigan.

Lightweights—Clarence "Cotton" King, Florida; Joey Raymond, Florida; Moe Weiss, New York and Florida.

Featherweights—Jimmy Kidd Hatcher, Florida and South Carolina; Tommy Pauley, Alabama and Florida; Darse Robertson, Alabama; Georgie Murla, Louisiana.

FLORIDA RATINGS
By Tom Ephrem

Heavyweights—Tommy Gomez, Claudio Villar.

Lightheavyweights—None.

Middleweights—Jose Cabellero, Tom Sharkey, Gene Molnar.

Welterweights—Jack Larrimore, Billy Murray, Bobby Britton, Yucatan Kid, Frankie Thomas, Allen McCorvey, Harvey Weiss, Jimmy Lowery, Justo Jiminez.

Lightweights—Clarence "Cotton" King, Joey Raymond, Moe Weiss, Mannie Gomez.

Featherweights—Jimmy Hatcher, Tommy Pauley.

Bantams and Flyweights—None.

NEW ENGLAND RATINGS
By Mark Fannon

Heavyweights—Tony Shucco, Johnny Shkor, Charley Eagle, Bill Weinberg, George Fitch.

Light-heavyweights—Vince Pimpinella, Ted Lowry, Johnny Seaman, John Henry Eskew, Waddell Washington, Abel Gonsalves.

Middleweights—Coley Welch (champion), Howell King, Henry Chmielewski, Jack Capparell, Tony Almeida.

Welterweights—Mike Kaplan (champion), Eddie Dolan, Cocoa Kid, Garvey Young, George Martin, Freddie Cabral.

Lightweights — Dave Castilloux (champion), Beau Jack, Angelo Rodano, Julie Kogon, Al Dutra, Leo Dulmaine.

Featherweights—Sal Bartolo, Larry Bolvin, Abe Denner (champion), Bob Ivy, Snooks Lacey, Willie Pep, Jackie Harris, Lefty LaChance.

Bantamweights—Ernie Burke (champion), Paul Herrick, Earl Roys.

HOLYOKE SECTION
By George "Kid" Ross

Heavyweights—Bill Weinberg, Johnny Shkor.

Light-heavyweights—Ted Lowry, Biffy Duarte, Eddie Elie, Ace Clark, Art McAlpine.

Middleweights — Waddell Washington, Coley Welch, Jimmy Hayden, Howell King, Henry Chmielewski.

Welterweights—Mike Kaplan, Honey Mellody, Julie Kogon, Johnny Bellus, Mickey Canty, Jimmy Leto.

Lightweights—Beau Jack, Abe Denner.

Featherweights—Marcus Pitts, Bobby Ivy, Larry Bolvin, Sal Bartolo, Paul Herrick.

Bantamweight—Jackie Harris.

CONNECTICUT RATINGS
By Don Hamill

Heavyweights — Charley Eagle, Waterbury; George Fitch, New Haven; Big Boy Carilli, Hartford; Tommy Assenza, Bridgeport.

Light-heavyweight—Al Gainer, New Haven.

Middleweights — Jimmy Young, Bridgeport; Maxie Katz, Waterbury.

Welterweights—Cocoa Kid, New Haven; Irish Eddie Dolan, Waterbury; Jimmy Leto, Hartford; Red Moffett, Devon; Joe Di Martino, Bridgeport; Rego Dell, Bridgeport; Red Doty, Hartford; Frankie Young, New Haven.

Lightweights—Johnny Bellus, New Haven; Angelo Rodano, Norwalk; Mickey Williams, New Haven; Frankie Zezima, Stamford; Johnny Dundee, Hartford.

Featherweights—Bobby Poison Ivy, Hartford; Snooks Lacey, New Haven; Johnny Compo, New Haven; Willie Pep, Hartford; Sammy Mammome, Stamford; Earl Roys, Bristol; Billy Marcus, Hartford.

COAL REGION CHAMPIONS
By Joe Brady

Heavyweight—Joe Downey, Scranton.

Light-heavyweight—Jimmy Young, Dunmore.

Middleweight—Gene Pinter, McAdoo.

Welterweights—Rego Dell, Dunmore; Howard Burton, Wilkes-Barre.

Lightweight—Joey Peralto, Tamaqua.

Featherweight—Billy Speary, Nanticoke.

SOUTHERN OHIO
By J. Jimmie Amann

Heavyweights — Buddy Walker, Columbus; Buddy Knox, Dayton; Johnny Pipus, Alliance; Joe Mueller, Cincinnati; Pick Johnson, Portsmouth.

Light-heavyweights—Ezzard Charles, Cincinnati; Ira Hughes, Girard; Teddy Yarosz, East Liverpool; Earl Campbell, Cincinnati; Tiger Jackson, Barberton.

Middleweights—Tommy Yarosz, East Liverpool; Curley Denton, Cincinnati; Charlie Banks, Cincinnati; Floyd Howard, Cincinnati; Gib Jones, Cincinnati.

Welterweights—Harry Weekly, Alliance; Herschel Joiner, Cincinnati; Cleo McNeal, Barberton; Willie Cutsinger, Mt. Washington; Hank Claypool, Barberton.

Lightweights—Jackie Taylor, Columbus; Lloyd Pine, Barberton; Billy Miller, Alliance; DoDo Woods, Cincinnati; Pete Leone, Barberton.

Featherweights—Cleveland Brown, Cincinnati; Mike Raffa, East Liverpool; Tommy Hudson, Akron; Joe Marinelli, Dayton; Johnny Kelly, Cincinnati.

Bantamweight—Freddie Pope, Columbus.

Flyweights—None.

CLEVELAND RATINGS
By Sparky Rudolph

Heavyweights—Lem Franklin, Buddy Walker, Buddy Knox, Eddie Simms.

Light-heavyweights—Jimmy Bivins, Joe Maxim, Ezzard Charles, Harold Dettman.

Middleweights—Jimmy Reeves, Bobby Berry, George Baratko.

Welterweights—Jackie Wilson, Harry Weekly, Sammy Secreet, Cleo McNeal, Sonny Horne.

Lightweights—Jackie Wilson, Lenny Mancini, Joey Pirrone, Harry Teany, Beauford Glover.

Featherweights—Mike Raffa, George Pace, Jackie Taylor.

Bantamweights—Freddie Pope, Buddy Smallwood.

Flyweights—None.

PITTSBURGH DISTRICT
By Ray M. Todd

Heavyweights—Billy Conn, Harry Bobo, Tony Cira, Willie Huff, George Hughes, Bob Smith, Bearcat Jones.

Light-heavyweights—Mose Brown, Erv Sarlin, Teddy Yarosz, Billy Nichy, Johnny Dean, Zack Robinson.

Middleweights—Billy Soose, Ossie Harris, Ossie Stewart, Freddie Lenn, Joey Mattis, Jimmy Franklin, Lew Pitts, Henry Smith, Steve Kulich, George Clark.

Welterweights—Fritzie Zivic, Charley Burley, Sammy Secreet, Tommy Yarosz, Otto Blackwell, Jackie Adragna, Freddie Bey, Carmen Notch, Ernie Pelaia, Red Cregan, Pete Spotti, George Silvasy, Buddy Samuels, Mark Lockman, Mike Lucas.

Lightweights—Sammy Angott, Tommy Spiegal, Sammy Adragna, Charley Daniels, Bobby Commerene, Sammy Parotta.

Featherweights—Pgh. Jackie Wilson, N.B.A. champion; Mike Raffa, Billie Bates, Mimmie Adragna.

No bantams or flyweights.

MONTANA, IDAHO, UTAH, WYOMING RATINGS
By Mel Epstein

Heavyweights—None.

Light-heavyweight—Verne Early, Kellogg, Idaho.

Middleweights—R. J. Lewis, Boise, Idaho; Harry "Kid" Mathews, Idaho.

Welterweights—Jackie Burke, Ogden, Utah; Ray Cote, Butte, Montana.

Lightweights—Billy Seward, Ingamor, Montana; Richie Fontaine, Missoula, Montana.

Featherweights—Verne Bybee, Ogden, Utah; Guy Serean, Nampa, Idaho.

Bantamweights—None.

CANADIAN RATINGS
By Lawson Bampton

Heavyweights—Al Delaney, Oshawa, Ont.; Oliver Shank, Montreal; Larry Bouchard Montreal.

Light-heavyweights—Tiger Warrington, Liverpool, N. S.; Eddie Wenstob, Viking, Alta.

Middleweight—Len Wadsworth, Hamilton, Ont.

Welterweights—Dave Castilloux, Montreal; Sonny Jones, Vancouver; Maxie Berger, Montreal.

Lightweights—Harry Hurst, Montreal; Dave Castilloux, Montreal; Billy Marquart, Winnipeg.

Featherweights — Jackie Callura, Hamilton; Spider Armstrong, Toronto.

Bantamweights—Kenny Lindsay, Vancouver; Johnny Gaudes, Winnipeg; Eddie Petrin, Montreal.

Flyweights—None worth ranking. Champion, Desse Green, Montreal, retired.

Official Canadian title-holders:

Although Castilloux is the official lightweight champion of Canada, Hurst is given preference over him in this division because Castilloux holds the welter title also.

ILLINOIS RATINGS
By Gene Engel

Heavyweights—Lem Franklin, Tony Musto, Booker Beckwith, Altus Allen, Bill Petersen.

Light-heavyweights—Booker Beckwith, Johnny Trotter, Nate Bolden, Eddie Camp, Frankie McBride.

Middleweights—Tony Zale, Milt Aron, Jackie Cooper, Jack Whittinghill, Anthony Jones.

Welterweights—Holman Williams, Leonard Bennett, Savior Canadeo, Tito Taylor, Tony Motisi.

Lightweights—Davey Day, Nick Castiglione, Leo Rodak, Willie Joyce, Billy Marquart.

Featherweights—Armando Sicilia, Jimmy Joyce, Joe Law, Vito Bo Rizzo, Richard Rigali.

There are no bantams or flyweights worth mentioning.

ALL-CANADA RATINGS
By "Buck" Kyle

Heavyweights—Al Delaney (champion), Windsor; Oliver Shank, Montreal; Eddie Wenstob, Edmonton; "Tiger" Warrington, Halifax; Packy Paul, Richdale, Alberta; Jack Tebo, Sudbury; Larry Bouchard, Montreal; Leo Maher, Montreal; Geo. Leslie, P. E. I.

Light-heavyweights — "Tiger" Warrington (champion), Halifax; Dom Scappurtura, North Bay and New York; Tunny Lust, Medicine Hat, Alberta; Joe Marsh, Canadian Army; Herb Dyment, Barrie; Arnold Hayes, Montreal; Vernon Escoe, Toronto; Al Evans, Canadian Army; Billy Metcalfe, Canadian Army.

Middleweights—Len Wadsworth (champion), Timmins; Walter Franklin, Hamilton, N. Y.; Frankie Genovese, Toronto; Paul Dazrenda, Winnipeg; Doug Marsh, Canadian Army; "Shuffle" Callahan, Calgary, Alta.; Kid Dalke, Saskatchewan; Ken Robertson, Kingston; Dempsey McPhail, Sidney, N. S.; Harry Baltin, Canadian Army; Max Spoon, Montreal; Ray McIntyre, Canadian Army.

Welterweights—Dave Castilloux (champion), Maxie Berger, Montreal; "Sonny" Jones, Vancouver; Harvey Dubbs, Windsor; Geo. Nyberg, Port Arthur; Albert Lust, Medicine Hat; "Frenchy" Beaudin, Vancouver; Dick Serada, Winnipeg; Max Scott, Toronto; Norman Hurdman, Toronto; Johnny Lifford, Halifax; Johnny Loftus, Lestock, Saskatchewan; "Irish Joe" Murphy, Montreal.

Lightweights — Dave Castilloux (champion), Montreal; Billy Marquart, Winnipeg; Harry Hurst, Montreal; Joey Bagnato, Toronto; Gordon Grayston, Black Diamond, Alberta; Beverly Carter; Toronto; Simon Waithe, Toronto; Ralph Walton, Quebec; Wally Hicks, Toronto; Joey Genovese, Toronto.

Featherweight—(no champion); Jackie Callura, Hamilton; Spider Armstrong, Toronto; Johnny Gaudes, Winnipeg; Jimmy Chapman, Edmonton; Steve Curley, Toronto; Johnny Greco, Montreal; Patsy Zaconna, Brantford; "Tops" Tellino, Timmins; Sammy Jacobs, Montreal.

Bantamweights—Eddie Petrin (champion), Canadian Army; Danny Webb, Montreal; Katsumi Morioka, Vancouver; Nels Broadhead, Hamilton; Angelo Callura, Hamilton; Mike Martyk, St. Catherines; Billy Buxton, Vancouver; Scotty Ramage, Toronto; Billy Brady, Winnipeg.

Flyweights—(no champion); Ken Lindsay, Vancouver; Desse Greene, Quebec; Aurlian La Mothe, Montreal.

NORTHWEST RATINGS
By Dave Cavadas

Light-heavyweights — Eddie Wenstob, Eddie Powell, Packey Paul.

Middleweights—Al Hostak, Harry Matthews, Lefty Abbott.

Welterweights—Davie Ward, Bud Smith, Young Tommy Burns, Julius Troll.

Featherweights—Hal Hoshino, Black Joe.

Bantamweights—Kenny Lindsay, Jimmy Chapman.

KANSAS CITY AND VICINITY
By Max Yeargain

Heavyweights—Lee Savold, Omaha, Neb.; Otis Thomas, St. Louis, Mo..

Light-heavyweights—Jimmy Webb, St. Louis, Mo.; Clarence Jones, St. Louis, Mo.; Joey Parks, St. Louis, Mo.

Middleweights—Deacon Logan, St. Louis, Mo.; Archie Moore, St. Louis, Mo.; Harry Mills, Kansas City, Mo.; Terry Nolan, Kansas City, Mo.

Welterweights—Jimmy Garrison, Kansas City, Mo.; Vince McCoy, Kansas City, Mo.

Lightweights — "Baby" Breese, Manhattan, Kans.; Jackie Simmons, Kansas City, Mo.; Chino Lopez, Kansas City, Mo.; Al Dorlac, St. Louis, Mo.; "Baby Lou" Alcanter, Kansas City, Mo.

Featherweights—Jackie Haley, Kansas City, Mo.; Chester Ellis, Kansas City, Mo.; Dickie Wells, St. Louis, Mo.; Merle Thompson, St. Louis, Mo.

CALIFORNIA RATINGS
1941

Heavyweight—Buddy Baer, Lou Nova, Big Boy Bray, Turkey Thompson, Sonny Boy Walker.
Light-heavyweight—Pat Valentino, Oscar Rankins, Jack Coggins, Tommy Garland, Billy Metcalf.
Middleweight—Ceferino Garcia, Eddie Booker, Shorty Hogue, Lloyd Marshall, Fred Apostoli.
Welterweight—Jackie Wilson, Rodolfo Ramirez, Shiek Rangel, Cecil Hudson, Red Green.
Lightweight—Jackie Wilson, Ray Lunney, Baby Arizmendi, Verne Bybee, Juan Zurita.
Featherweight—Chalky Wright, Richie Lemos, Chick Delaney, Carlos Chavez, Donnie Maes.
Bantamweight — Tony Olivera, Little Dado, Manuel Ortiz, Lupe Cordoza, Jackie Jurich.
Flyweight—Little Dado, Jackie Jurich, Little Pancho, Nick DePosta, Alberto Chavez.

RHODE ISLAND STATE
By Danny Nardi

Heavyweight—Al Sinibaldi, Bristol.
Light-heavyweights—Jimmy (Gunboat) Davis, Pawtucket; Abel Gonsalves, Saylesville; Johnny Duarte, Providence.
Middleweights—Howell King, Providence; Cliff (Red) Stephenson, Pawtucket; Tony Almeida, Bristol; Gene Farland, Cranston.
Welterweights—Ralph Zannelli, Providence; Ernie Forte, Providence; Nat Canatta, Providence; Al Bojac, Central Falls.
Lightweights—Tony Andrade, Augie Almeida, both of Bristol; Ollie and Billy Barbour, both of Apponaug.
Featherweights—Larry Bolvin, Providence; Joey Archibald, Pawtucket; Al Mancini, Providence; Frankie Topazio, Bristol.
Bantamweight—Tony Davis, Newport.

CUBAN RATINGS
By Milt Baron

Heavyweight—Giraldo Valdes.
Light-heavyweight—Kid Tunero.
Middleweight—Manolo Sanchez (champion), Soldier Serrano, Angel Ruiz, Indian Gomez, Evangelio Valiente, Reynaldo Gutierrez.
Welterweights—Joe Legon (champion), Ramiro Almagro, Bull Terry, Roberto Martinez.
Lightweights—Joe Pedroso (champion), Santiago Sosa, Pedrito Martinez, Angel Pino, Joe Ferrer, Rene Cantero, Baby Chichi.
Featherweights—Pablo Roca (champion), National Kid, Eddy De La Torre, Manolo Sierra, Juan Villalba, Eligio Alvarez, Kid Rapidez.
Bantamweights—Lorenzo Safora (champion), Zenobio Becerra, Chile Cantero, Baby Canzoneri.
Flyweights—Kid Espinosa (champion), Mario Morales, Humberto Sierra, Relampago Espirituano, Sergio Napoles.

HAWAII RATINGS
By Ken Misumi

Welterweights—Flash Sebastian, Dencio Cabanela, Clever Henry, Ray Camacho, Izzy Fox, Bruce Howard.
Lightweights—Clever Henry, Hank Nakamura, Gene Espinosa, Herman Kaakua, Eddie Salazar.
Featherweights—Yasu Yasutake, Danny La Verne, Nat Corum, Cris Crispin, Lucas Pasion, Eddie Townsend, Willie Gonzales, Eddie Salazar.
Bantamweights—David Kui Kong Young, Rush Dalma, Little Dado, Dado Marino, Joho Shiroma.
Flyweights—Little Dado, Dado Marino, Toy Tamanaha, Charley Higa, Paul Inamine.

LATIN-AMERICAN RATINGS
By Jorge Viertes

Heavyweights—Alberto Lovell, Arturo Godoy, Claudio Villar, Ernesto Carnesse, Isidoro Gastanaga, Valentin Campolo.
Middleweights—Kid Tunera, Jose Basora, Antonio Fernandez, Amado Azar, Rene Sanchez, Manolo Sanchez.
Welterweights—Joe Legon, Antonio Fernandez, Kid Azteca, Raul Carrabantes, Francisco Juarez, Young Shadow.
Lightweights—Rodolfo Ramirez, Santiago Sosa, Juan Zurita, Carlos Malacara, Joe Pedroso, Guillermo Puentes.
Featherweights—Pamana Al Brown, Baby Coullimber, Oscar Callej, Simon Chavez, Sixto Escobar, Leocadio Torres.
Bantamweights—Lorenzo Safora, Kid Zafine; Zenobio Becerra, Mario Chico Morales.
Flyweights—Luis Castillo, Humberto Espinosa.

ARKANSAS, OKLAHOMA AND LOUISIANA RATINGS
By Clyde Smith

Heavyweights—Bob Sikes, Pine Bluff, Ark.; Neville "Tiger" Beech, Picayune, Miss.; Junior Munsell, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Jimmy Lunsford, Blytheville, Ark.
Light-heavyweights—Harvey Massey, New Orleans, La.; Sailor Eddie White, Seminole, Okla.; Paul Ladd, Little Rock, Ark.; Sergeant Worth London, Camp Robinson.
Middleweights—Marvin Liddell, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Vincent Myers, Tulsa, Okla.; Sweeny Byrnes, Comanche, Okla.; Reecy Davis (colored), Comanche, Okla.
Welterweights—Harry Weekly, New Orleans, La.; Cosby Linson, New Orleans, La.; Billy Davis, Bauxite, Ark.; Sammy Magro, New Orleans, La.
Lightweights—Richard Polite (colored), New Orleans, La.; Johnny Lovell, North Little Rock, Ark.; Dudley De Jean, New Orleans, La.; Vernon Hogue, Hot Springs, Ark.
Featherweights—Sal Milazzo, New Orleans, La.; Santos Migliore, New Orleans, La.; Pete Orgeron, New Orleans, La.; Russell Gonzales, New Orleans, La.
Bantamweights—None.
Flyweights—None.

RATING OF TEXAS BOXERS
By Bill Davee

Heavyweights—Babe Hunt, Bob "Pork Chops" Alexander, Eddie Ownby, Wilbert Bassett, Joe Vandiver.
Light-heavyweights—Carl Dalio, Roy Beard; Bernie Peterson, Jack Rodriquez, Bobby Parker.
Middleweights—Calvin Benefield, Pete Abrego, Reecy Davis, Midget Mexico, Leon Foucart.
Welterweights—Rand Jackson, Joe Passante, George Silvas, Joey Johnston, Burtis Fewox.
Lightweights—Paul Altman, Manuel Azteca, Mustang Garcia, Wesley Pryor, Felix Montalvo.
Featherweights—Benny Cordova, Johnny Ramos, Angel Aviles, Charles Surnson, Johnny Hernandez.
Bantams and Flyweights—None.

PHILADELPHIA AND VICINITY
By Nat Frank

Heavyweights—Gus Dorazio, Willie Reddish, Johnny Myhasuk, Johnny Nujanos, Jimmy Gardner.
Light-heavyweights—Tony Cisco, Georgie Miller, Eddie Wilson, Bull Santos, Cleve Bailey.
Middleweights—Johnny Carter, Andy Kodak, Indian Johnny Rivers, Steve Izzy, Mike Distephano.
Welterweights—Mayon Padlo, Corporal Billy Maher, Wicky Harkins, Pedro Tomez, Buck Streator.
Lightweights—Bob Montgomery, Mike Evans, Jimmy Tygh, Abie Kauffman, Freddy Domico.
Featherweights—Leon Haire, Ellis Phillips, Frankie Donato, Johnny Forte, Johnny Marcelline.
Bantamweight—Johnny Forte.

RATINGS FOR MINNESOTA
By Ted Randolph

Heavyweights—Lee Savold, St. Paul; Clyde "Torch" Rasley, Deer River; Don Thomas, Eagle Bend; Karl Malm, Park Rapids; Lou Chumich, Duluth.
Light-heavyweights—Kelly Ward, Minneapolis, state champion; Henry Schaft, Minneapolis; Gordon Palmer, Minneapolis; Worth London, Albert Lea; Don Brouillard, Minneapolis; Earl Peterson, Appleton.
Middleweights—Buddy Gomer, St. Paul; Warren Corbett, Minneapolis; Art Lind, Alborn; Don Espensen, Minneapolis; Pat Breen, Mound.
Welterweights—Emmett Weller, St. Paul; Bud Tibbetts, Rosemount; Gus Pappas, Duluth; Buzz Brown, St. Paul; Indian Ernie Peters, Morton.
Lightweights—Emmett Weller, St. Paul, state champion; Billy Smith, Minneapolis; Floyd Hagen, St. Paul; Wally Holm, Minneapolis; Ray Isaacs, Minneapolis.
Featherweights—George De Gidio, Minneapolis, state champion; Mike Valentine, Duluth.

IN CHICAGO
With GENE ENGEL

WHAT appeared to be the outlook for another productive month in nationally recognized boxing bouts, fizzled out when Tommy Tucker, erstwhile Eastern light-heavyweight contender had to forego a prospective match with Booker Beckwith in the Chicago Stadium, due to a severely cut lip in his winning achievement over Johnny Colan, in New York City. Now, Bill Rand will just sit back until the time element sets in for his next boxing presentation which will involve Robert (Bobcat) Montgomery, Philadelphia's bodycannonader against Nick Castiglione, who has forged to the crest of the lightweight ranks. They will meet in a ten round bout.

Pete Lello, whose home town is Gary, Ind., has decided to open a recreational parlor there. Good luck, Pete!

Hurrah! Chicago and Gary, the latter, Tony Zale's birthplace and the Windy City, Zale's fighting grounds, for Tony is now the recognized world's champion middleweight. Tony Zale did it in a hectic fifteen round contest against the Eastern championship claimant, Georgie Abrams, in Madison Square Garden.

The Gary Polish stalwart proved to all East-Coast skeptics to middleweight candidates that our Middle West representative had more than what it takes to come out on top.

Yours Truly had the privilege to witness a one round knockout feat accomplished by Jimmy Clark, over Zale. And, then, in two subsequent battles, the iron-fisted Hoosierite knocked out Clark. He has been scoring kayoes almost regularly since. Zale has supplanted Barney Ross, our most recent world's champion. As Chicago's hero, Tony will be a worthy champion.

Willie Joyce, classy Gary lightweight is commanding attention. Willie topped Ted Christie, New York veteran, in the first round and then engaged the competent Aldo Spoldi Italy's lightweight champ, in a sensational draw. They fought ten heats of spirited action. Only Joe Ghnouly, during the past year, has gained the laurels over the competent Negro.

Tony Motisi, at one time a promising Catholic Youth Organization protege, in the welterweight ranks, returned to the squared-circle after a two-year absence and pounded out a commendable victory over George Silvasey of Cleveland.

Johnny Colan, a seven-time Chicago victor—along the knockout route, shocked Chicago boxing authorities, in his losing affair with Tommy Tucker. This loss proved very costly to Colan, who was a prime favorite here.

Georgie Nyberg, Canadian middleweight, is the second of Jack Hurley's so-called future prospects to be sent into obscurity. Harvey Dubs, Windsor, Ontario welterweight, rifled over his stinging right-cross that put the good-looking Georgie away for keeps in the eighth and final round of their bout.

Nate Bolden, who has lost much of his past ability and is now campaigning against mediocre talent, fought twice during the past month. Bolden stowed away George Mitchell of Detroit, Mich., in the sixth round and won over the green, but rugged Jack (Southpaw Slants) Whittinghill, of Bloomington, Ill.

The other Hurleyite who is almost through to practically have finis written to his career is Billy Seward, who received a severe shellacking at the hands of the powder-punching but incessant glove flailer, Eddie Lander.

Lou Jackson, theatrical booking agent as well as boxing agent here in the middlewest, is out on the Pacific Coast.

Over in Hammond, Indiana, where Yours Truly handles the publicity material for the Hammond Boxing Club, Bill Petersen, Indiana Harbor heavyweight clouter, stopped a fellow Hoosier competitor, William (Moose) Kennedy, of Gary, Ind., in the fifth frame. The Gary Moose was down for five nine counts. This was to have gone just one other round.

In another billed six rounder, Hezzie Williams, undefeated Chicago light-heavyweight, finished Bob Bryant, another Chicagoan, in round two. And in the four rounders, Al Capalby, Indiana Harbor middleweight, won from Johnny Williams of Danville, Ill.; Johnny O'Brien, also of Indiana Harbor, defeated Arnold Dear, Indianapolis 150-pounder and Jackie Nichols, Gary Featherweight, returned to the ring wars, following a three year respite, to win over Bill Hawkins of Chicago.

Leo Rodak, scientific Chicago lightweight, scored two wins during the month. Leo defeated Guy Serean and Joey Peralto, Mexican, in ten round jousts, in New Orleans. Serean is from Boise, Idaho and Peralto, from Mexico City.

Eddie Lander, young Hebrew lightweight, met the in-and-outer Victor Troise, of N.Y.C., and won all the way in a listless ten rounder. Nate Bolden, once again received the semi-windup spot and in turn won over Henry Jones, Detroit light-heavyweight, in eight rounds.

Johnny O'Brien, of Indiana Harbor, proved his superiority over Al Capalby, in four fast rounds.

Johnny O'Brien, Polish 160-pounder with the Celtic moniker, chalked up two additional wins when he defeated Larry Russell and Stanley Murczek.

Hymie Dabbs, young Jewish welterweight from the Westside, has finally entered the professional division and triumphed in two bouts. Hymie won over Danny Villa and stopped Johnny Williams of Danville.

Sammy Frager, well-known Glove manufacturer, out of Chicago, has been complimented time-and-again for his efficient six and eight ounce fighting gloves.

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Nate Lewis, Ole's bald eagle, is one of the shrewdest managers in the fight profession. Nate's contacts have kept Leo Rodak busy twelve months out of the year.

Matches during December included Henry Jones, Detroit, beat Vincent Calzaretta, Chicago, (5); Stanley Murczek, Chicago, trimmed George Feltes, Milwaukee middleweight (6); Don Wallenfang, Milwaukee, decisioned Arnol Dear, Indianapolis 150-pounder and Billy Pierce, West Allis, Wis. won over Mike (Sherman) Edwards, Chicago 165-pounder, in fours.

THE RING's issue of the year—February publication—is now on all newsstands and the listing of all capable pugilists, regardless of nationality or color, is compiled for your immediate concern. These ratings are decided within the squared-circle and not by any one person. A general concenus of all boxing authorities and RING correspondents from Coast-to-Coast, have cooperated with Nat Fleischer, dean of all RING observers, to give to you as competent a classification as can be determined.

And don't forget—Gym bystanders, that a copy of THE RING can be had in the Gym office of Trafton's Gym. The address is mentioned in one of the above paragraphs. So, until next month, fights off!

BROADCAST FROM NEW YORK

By MEYER ACKERMAN

TONY ZALE is the new world middleweight champion, a fiery, savage body puncher, who came pounding his way out of the Mid-West to gain undisputed possession of the 160-pound crown through 15 rounds of blazing warfare that equalled anything in ferocity that historic middleweight battles down through the annals can offer.

Twice on the brink of knockout disaster, the former Gary, Indiana, steelworker arose from a first round, nine-second knockdown, and survived an eighth-round fog which had him enveloped from a blistering right to the jaw, to outwallop Georgie Abrams before a comparatively small crowd of 10,004 paying customers for a $23,854 gross house.

The pity of it was that so few people were present to view a fight that bordered on the sensational. It was one of the best fights of the year.

The fans had barely settled back in their seats when Abrams, now in the service of the United States Navy, caught Zale with a short left hook that cracked the china in the brittle jaw of the N. B. A. standard bearer, and deposited tough Tony in the resin for a count of nine. Abrams, a comparatively light hitter, was more stunned than his western opponent and before Georgie could recover his composure, the bell sounded ending the round and Zale zigzagged to his corner on rubber legs.

But the free swinging Gary Pole is made of stern stuff, clay from which the figures of true champions are molded. Employing a vicious body attack that raked the ribs of Abrams into a glowing red, Zale displayed a fighting technique of the old school, and with the Washington Hebrew countering Tony's savage body drives with jolting left hooks to the jaw, the pair battled each other all over the ring while the crowd howled their approval.

In the eighth round, Abrams found the range with a lashing right to the jaw. Zale stiffened in his tracks, but instead of going down, wobbled unsteadily around the ring while Georgie opened a cross fire attack that was as vicious in its intent as any seen in a Garden ring. The bell came as welcome respite to the bewildered westerner.

Zale's recuperative powers, however, are amazing. Tony came out fresh for the ninth round and gave Abrams a thorough going over. He drove repeated right-hand shots under the heart, smashed both hands to the jaw, and practically battered his Hebrew adversary at will, but the game Washingtonian would not go down.

They locked horns from then on through the final round with savage outbursts of fighting. Zale's right to the heart, however, was the contributing factor to his success. Abrams had no defense for it, being much too busy fighting back. It was the punch that proved his undoing. It slowed him down to a walk in the final two rounds from where Zale came on to win the unanimous decision of Referee Billy Cavanagh, and Judges Charley Draycott and George LeCron.

Zale, at 158¼, was superb in victory. Abrams, at 159, was brilliant in defeat.

Back in his dressing room after the fight, Abrams was found to be suffering from a hemorrhage of the right eye which for a time threatened to ruin his sight. The latest report, however, is that it will respond to medical treatment.

In the eight-round semi-final, Ernie Vigh, stalwart Newburgh middleweight, was too strong, and punched too hard for Lou Schwartz, Brownsville youngster, and walked off with the decision after a hard battle. Both boys were well marked at the finish although there was no questioning the winner. Vigh weighed 164½, Schwartz 164.

Jimmy McDaniel, 146¾, Los Angeles, looked impressive in stopping Vinnie Vines, 150¾, Schenectady, N. Y., scrapper, when the latter was not permitted to answer the bell for the fifth round. McDaniel cut Vines severely as early as the first round above the eyes, and in the fourth round, twice floored the valiant Vinnie for counts.

In fours, Larry Fontana, 154¾, whipped Rocky Luciano in a spirited encounter, and Herbert Marshall, 170¾, outwalloped Bill Addison, 163. In another six-round fight, Bill Duffy, 148, and Pete Muscarnera, 156½, slugged their way to a draw.

A little paunchy about the middle, Ken Overlin, former ruler of the middleweight roost, showed Al Hostak more fancy footwork than you can find in an Arthur Murray Dancing School, but unfortunately for a bored paying patronage, the Seattle Slav proved a poor dancing partner for King of the Conga Ken, with the result that Kenneth the Cutie romped off with an easy verdict and left the spectators wondering on the strength of what Hostak had ever been able to win a portion of the middleweight crown before Zale cleared up the division.

What started out as a snappy fox trot turned into a dreary waltz as Overlin slipped, countered, cuffed and bulled the slow thinking Hostak pretty much as he pleased while the spectators, with their collars turned up to protect against a draft from Al's wild swinging efforts, were lulled into a pleasant sleep by what was advertised as a fight between two former middleweight champions now grown out of their division.

The truth of the matter is that Hostak is not a first rate fighter, and in whatever division he confines his efforts in the future is unimportant. He can sock, and that's all. Overlin, however, is still a pretty good middleweight and he should stay in the division in which he belongs—the middleweights.

Throughout the ten dreary rounds, Hostak managed to land just one good punch on the ex-gob and that must have been by accident. A right hand in the eighth round cut Overlin along the left eye but Ken soon took the play away from the Eastern invader and made his other efforts look amateurish.

Overlin, at 163½, blown up, enjoyed a weight advantage of a pound and a half.

In an interesting co-feature ten-rounder, Young Kid McCoy, right name Adam Pianga, was awarded the verdict over Mike Kaplan of Boston. McCoy took the lead from the opening gong and never relinquished it through some bitter fighting periods. Kaplan made a belated bid in the final round to score a possible kayo, his only hope of victory, but the Detroiter was fighting back at the bell. McCoy, at 147½, had a quarter of a pound pull in the weights.

Billy Davis, a busy lightweight from Minersville, Pa., made a fine impression in scoring a triumph over Carmine Fatta, Brooklyn, in a six-round bout. Floored in the first round, Davis arose and threw punches from every angle to outrough Fatta. Davis scaled 138; Fatta 134½.

In another six-rounder, Roman Alvarez, 135½, repeated a previous victory over Joe Torres, 136¾.

In four-rounders, Joey Varoff, 132, East Side, outboxed Harry Diduck, 134½, Brooklyn, and Frankie Ray, 144¾, Harlem, whipped Johnny Yellavich, 145¼, Paterson.

A bang-up card featured the opening of the indoor season at the Bronx Coliseum with Al Reid, Bronx Hebrew, pounding out an eight-round decision over Joey Marinelli in a bitterly contested bout. The boys stood toe-to-toe in gruelling exchanges with Reid proving the stronger of the two. Reid weighed 127¼; Marinelli 128. It was Al's last appearance as a civilian as he signed with the United States Coast Guard, and reported for duty the following day.

In other eight-round battles, Chester Rico, highly regarded Bronx lightweight, defeated Charley Roberts, Harlem, and Pete DeRuzza, Mamaroneck welterweight, was given credit for an eighth-round kayo of Milo Theodorescu when Dr. George Howley, club physician, refused to permit the Rumanian to come out for the final frame because of a deep cut over the right eye.

Mickey Farber, East Side veteran, stopped the winning streak of Morris Reif at the Broadway Arena when he handed the latter his first defeat in twenty-three starts by stopping him in forty-five seconds of the seventh round. It was also Reif's first start as a main bout performer.

Although Reif hurt Farber continually in the early rounds, Mickey kept up a fast pace that the Brooklynite couldn't match and when he appeared outclassed in the seventh frame, Referee Jack O'Sullivan wisely intervened.

Farber weighed 134½; Reif 138.

In the eight-round semi-final, Irwin Kaye Kaplan, 154, outpointed Pete Muscarnera, 149¼, while in a scheduled six-rounder, Henry Vasquez, 130¼, stopped Johnny Cockfield, 129¼, in the fourth round.

Vinnie Rossano, Brooklyn welterweight, reversed a previous defeat at the hands of Arthur Dorrell in the feature eight-rounder at the White Plains County Center by taking the decision after a hectic battle. Although the Texan was clearly the superior, Dorrell was penalized three rounds for accidental low blows which cost him the fight. Rossano, at 146½, outweighed Dorrell by a pound and a quarter.

In the semi-final six-round bout, Jim Neville outpointed Johnny Aichers. They are heavyweights. In another scheduled six-rounder, Al Hart, hammer-fisted newcomer from Washington, knocked out Buddy Moore in two rounds. Hart scaled 220¾; Moore, 197.

Heavyweights featured the second show at the Bronx Coliseum with Tony Musto, game Chicagoan, battling to a fierce draw with Buddy Knox, Dayton, Ohio, in the feature event of eight rounds.

The fight was an exceptionally fast one for big fellows and they kept the crowd in a continuous uproar with their savage punching. Knox got off to an early lead, but Musto concentrated on the body and soon slowed up his Dayton adversary. Musto scaled 206½; Knox, 192¼.

In another eight-round battle, Joey Iannotti, highly regarded Bronx featherweight, displayed too much ability for crafty Joey Stack and walked off with the decision. Joey peppered Stack with lightning jabs and shook him up repeatedly with sharp right crosses, but the game Philadelphian wouldn't go down. The weights were: Iannotti, 128¾; Stack, 124½.

In a third eight-rounder, Teddy Wint, 196, stopped Richard Atkins, 191, in the second round with a vicious left hook to the body.

The long winning streak of Beau Jack was abruptly brought to an end.

Facing Freddie Archer in the feature bout of eight rounds at the Royal Windsor Palace, Jack couldn't untrack himself against his Skeeter State adversary, with the result that he lost his first fight in several appearances in a New York ring. An accidental low blow, for which he was penalized the sixth round, very probably cost him the decision as the bout was more or less an even affair, and the round which was taken away from him was a round in which he excelled. At that, it was a good finish in the last round by Archer which probably swayed the officials. Archer scaled 137½; Jack, 136¼.

In a hard-fought six-round semi-final, Johnny Caruso, 151¾, came from behind to nose out Irish Mickey Canty, 146½, in a fight in which there was plenty of action. Caruso was floored twice for counts in the second and Canty was on the deck for a short count in the third. The fight, though, could have been called a draw without hurting either boy.

Making his first appearance in a Metropolitan ring, Carlos Malacara, Mexican lightweight, outroughed Julie Kogon in the feature bout at the Ridgewood Grove, over the eight-round route. Malacara, a busy performer, kept on top of the New Havenite and didn't give him a chance to show his vaunted knockout blow. Malacara weighed 140; Kogon, 134¾.

In another scheduled eight-rounder, Carmine Fatta, 134, stopped Willie Calhoun, 135, at the end of the second round when the latter refused to continue, claiming he had received an injury to his ribs.

In a thrill-laden heavyweight encounter, Enzo Avon came off the floor in the first round to score a knockout over Johnny Aichers in that same session after 1:54 of the round had expired. Aichers was floored three times before the fight was stopped. It was scheduled for six rounds.

Allie Stolz, Newark lightweight, gave Charley Varre an eight-round boxing lesson in the feature bout at the Royal Windsor Palace. Stolz won pretty much as he pleased as he pounded the game Varre practically at will with damaging blows to the head. A sharp one-two punch floored

Charley for a no count in the second round. Stolz, weighing 133, spotted Varre three pounds.

In another eight-round battle, Charley "Lulu" Constantino continued on his winning ways by outboxing veteran Henry Hook for his forty-sixth consecutive professional triumph. Constantino weighed 127; Hook, 124.

Cocoa Kid, 146½, knocked out Pedro Tomez, 148, in the fourth round of a scheduled eight-round main event at the Ridgewood Grove. The fight was one-sided with Cocoa the complete master throughout.

In a fast six-round semi-final, Dom Fiantini, 126, decisioned Frankie Rubino, 127.

Maxie Shapiro, East Side lightweight, scored a technical knockout over Mexican Joey Silva in the seventh round of a scheduled eight-round main event at the Broadway Arena. Silva suffered a cut beneath his right eye and Referee Harry Gleischer stopped the bout. Shapiro weighed 134; Silva, 134¾.

In an eight-round supporting bout, Ted Christie, 130¾, was given a close decision over Mickey Farber, 134½.

Al Nettlow, on leave from the Jacksonville, Florida, Naval Base, was awarded a close decision over Maxie Berger, Bronx welterweight, in the feature eight-round bout at the Bronx Coliseum after a bitter battle. The crowd hooted the verdict.

In the eight-round semi-final, Aaron Seltzer, Bronx featherweight, won a decision over Davey Crawford, Brooklyn. Seltzer was by far the better boxer of the two.

A last round rally gave Charley "Lulu" Constantino a decision over Joey Fontana in the feature eight-round fight at the Royal Windsor Palace. In the semi-final six-rounder, Gus Levine drew with Johnny Juliano.—Beau Jack, Springfield lightweight, knocked out Mexican Joey Rivers in the third round of a feature eight-rounder at the Ridgewood Grove.

Herbie Katz gained an eight-round verdict over game Tony Musto in the feature bout at the Broadway Arena. Floored in the second round for a count of nine, Musto sustained a fractured jaw from the blow, but gamely stuck to his guns and would not allow the doctor to stop the contest. He continued and finished on sheer fighting heart.

Al Hart, Washington Negro, scored quite an upset when he stopped Teddy Wint in the fourth round of a scheduled eight-round feature at the White Plains County Center.—Francesco Montaneri also provided somewhat of an upset at the Royal Windsor Palace when he took the measure of Tony Ferrara in the feature event of eight rounds.

Vic Dellicurti pounded out an eight-round decision over Irwin Kaye Kaplan in the feature bout at the Broadway Arena. Dellicurti was the aggressor throughout, scoring with repeated body blows.

In the eight-round semi-final, Vinnie Rossano knocked out Mel Williams in the second round.

In the greatest fight of the season thus far at the Bronx Coliseum, Cal Cagni, Cresskill, N. J., middleweight now stationed at the Jacksonville Air Base in Florida, and Vic Dellicurti, Harlem, battled to a savage draw that kept the customers standing on their chairs from the second round on. The scrappers threw caution to the winds and waded in from the opening bell, tossing punches with neither giving ground.

They battled each other from pillar to post with first Dellicurti taking the lead and then Cagni coming on to even matters up. With Dellicurti forging slightly ahead in the seventh round, Cagni put on a vicious finish to even the fight up. He threw punches for the entire three minutes. There could be no other verdict than a draw. Cagni weighed 151½; Dellicurti, 152.

In a fight that was cut short from eight to three rounds so that the people could listen to President Roosevelt's address to the nation, Raul Carrabantes was given the decision over Joe Boscarino. Boscarino, at 149, spotted Carrabantes four pounds.

In another scheduled eight-rounder, Chester Rico, Jackie Barrett's fine looking lightweight fighter, stopped Norman "Red" Rahn in the fourth round after he had completely outclassed the latter from the opening bell. Rico, at 138, spotted the durable Rahn ten pounds.

THE NEW YORK VERSION—Richie Lemos' reign as N. B. A. featherweight champion was short lived. The Mexican was deprived of his crown by cagy Jackie Wilson, Pittsburgh Negro, at Los Angeles before a crowd of 9,000. The fight was over a twelve-round route, of which the deposed title-holder won but three. Wilson was beaten several months ago by Chalky Wright, generally regarded as the world ruler of the featherweight division.

The old adage, "youth will be served," only stood up fifty per cent in Cleveland on the annual Christmas Fund show that is a yearly feature of Ed Bang and Eddie Mead. Young Joey Maxim continued on his winning ways by adding Red Burman to his string of victories. Another youngster, however, Harry Weekly, lost by the technical knockout route to veteran Fritzie Zivic in nine rounds.

More strange doings in rings around Philadelphia. And another orchid to Lou Jaffe (with apologies to W. W.) for his forthright reporting. Although Jimmy Gardner dealt out a terrific beating to Willie Pavlovich at Camden, Referee Jack Berenato gave the verdict to Pavlovich with the cold comment, "That's the way I saw it." Promoter Jim Scott was so incensed at the decision, which, he claimed, would destroy local faith in boxing, that he threatened to go before Commissioner Abe Green and file a protest.

A great boxing figure is dead. Tom Andrews passed away at home and his death will be felt keenly by those who love boxing. He will be missed . . . . Boxing in New Orleans isn't going too well. In two consecutive shows, Bobby Ruffin and Mike Delia drew $1339, and Ruffin and Ritchie Fontaine drew $901 . . . . Dave Castilloux successfully retained his Canadian welterweight crown by successfully turning back the challenge of Sonny Jones, although he was outweighed by ten pounds, at Toronto.

Give a salute to Michael Genovese, new boxing promoter at the Bronx Coliseum, who has given the "go ahead" signal to his matchmaker, Billy Brown, to spare no expense in getting the best matches available for the big Bronx shed. The New York sportsman has teamed up very well with Brown, with the result that only outstanding fights will be booked at the Coliseum . . . . Stanley Joss is doing a good job in handling Lou Schwartz, Brooklyn middleweight.

Fritzie Zivic, veteran Pittsburgh welterweight and former world champion in that division, battled to a hard draw with Young Kid McCoy in the feature ten-round bout at Madison Square Garden. A round that was taken away from fearless Fritzie undoubtedly cost him the decision. As it was, the verdict was well received by the crowd of 9,571 who paid a gross gate of $22,678. Referee Arthur Donovan and Judge Marty Monroe called the fight a draw. The other judge, Sam Robinson, voted for McCoy on a six to four round basis.

Zivic started as if he meant to finish his youthful Detroit adversary in a hurry. He cuffed McCoy in close quarters and hurt the Kid with rapid fire jolts to the head. But the blond Detroiter is game and has youth and he used both to good advantage. He came back fighting hard in the second round and befuddled the Pittsburgher with his speed. While Fritzie excelled in the in-fighting, at which he is a past master, McCoy, right name Adam Pianga, fought well at long range, jabbing the ex-champion almost at will with a darting left hand.

Zivic, who emerged with a closed left eye, made a sensational rally in the ninth round and almost dropped McCoy with raking right-hand punches to the body. The Detroiter, however, came back strong in the final frame to even things up.

The fight showed, though, that Zivic has definitely slowed up and that he isn't the fighter he was when he took the world welterweight crown from Henry Armstrong. Zivic weighed 148¾; McCoy, 148½.

In an eight-round semi-final, in which a lot of blood was spilled, crafty Maxie Berger, Bronx Hebrew, stopped Pete DeRuzza, Mamaroneck slugger, in 1:36 of the sixth round. The sharp-shooting Berger opened cuts over both of DeRuzza's eyes and he was a crimson sight when Referee Jack O'Sullivan stopped it. Berger scaled 145½; DeRuzza, 147¾.

In another eight, Bobby Ruffin, 131½, was awarded the decision over Billy Davis, 135¾.

In four-round bouts, Tony DeSalvo, 135½, drew with Herbie Kronowitz, 133; Willie Pep, 126½, scored over Ruby Garcia, 127¾, and Frank Cardinal, 140, was given credit for a technical kayo when Ernie King, 138, could not answer the bell for the third round due to a cut eye.

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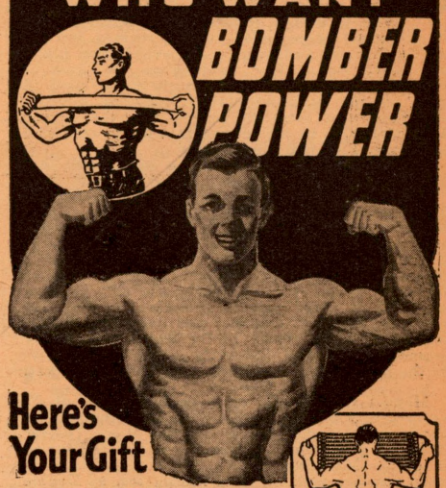

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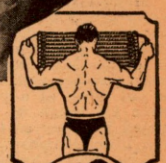

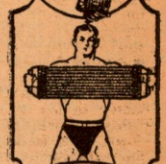

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IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA
By HARRY E. WINKLER

OUR fight men out here look for the game to enjoy a boom within another year or two. Well, if it does, it will only be because those in the game prepare for such a revived interest in the sport by endeavoring to develop new talent and make every effort to improve the class of programs. Because there is much employment at good wages, along with an interest in sports—our fight men seem to believe that the boxing fans will flock to the arenas to witness any kind of a card. Like hell they will!

True, conditions are ripe for a stimulus in boxing interest, but talking about it is not enough.

We cannot put "small time" preliminary fighters in the main-events at the big clubs and expect boxing fans to turn out for such programs, no matter how good the financial condition of the country. There are too many other types of amusements these days for the public to have to be suckers for any one sport. The fight game also needs a program of preparedness. Now is the time for every matchmaker, manager and developer of boxing talent to get down to the business of really promoting. We had better do so, if boxing is to be the sport that it could be at the end of this war.

Manuel Ortiz, little curly-headed socker of El Centro, won a split verdict (we are using judge's out here these days) over Donnie Maes, Denver cutie, in a bristling 10-rounder at the Hollywood Stadium. Maes surprised by his willingness to swap punches with his hard hitting foe, as Donnie is not much of a puncher and his chin has been none too tough in the past. However, Maes engaged in many of these toe-to-toe exchanges with the little Mexican dynamiter without being put off his pins. Donnie was ahead at the half-way distance and came back to cop the last two heats after receipting for a bad drubbing in previous rounds, therefore, the crowd thought that Maes should have received no worse than a draw.

Ortiz weighed 121, Maes 126.

In the semi-windup, Tony Canelli, 150, belted out Sammy Walker in the first round.

Willie Pep, 130, Detroit, defeated Buddy Spencer in the 4-round special.

At Ocean Park; Gene (Spider) Mock, 140, Burbank, was awarded an unpopular decision over Soldier Eddie Stanley in an 8-round main event.

Babe Brandelli, 143, went six rounds to a draw with Battling Ortega in the semi-final.

Jackie Wilson, veteran colored boxer of Pittsburgh, is now wearing the NBA featherweight crown, having removed that diadem from the curly head of Richie Lemos in a 12-rounder at the Los Angeles' Olympic. Executing a beautiful left-jab and some nice footwork, Wilson copped 8 of the 12 rounds from his Mexican foe. Lemos forced the fighting throughout but could not corner his elusive opponent long enough to belabor him with the usual body beating that Richie most always deals out to the boxer types. Neither could Lemos befuddle the veteran Negro by shifting to his southpaw stance and Richie receipted for hard right hand punches whenever he did revert to the unorthodox position.

Lemos caught up with the fast moving colored boxer on a few occasions and landed some solid blows, but Wilson was too ringwise to stay put and be belted around by the hard-hitting Aztec, so, either tied Lemos up or backpedaled out of the danger zone. Each weighed 125¾.

Billy Latka, 161, scored a TKO over Johnny Gardea, 157, in the 5th round of the semi-windup.

Costello Cruz, 158, decisioned Bernie Cardenas in the 6-round special.

The Lemos-Wilson bout, advertised as for the world's title, attracted the largest crowd seen in the Olympic in many months.

In San Diego; Manuel Ortiz easily defeated Johnny Grady, colored bantamweight, in a 10-rounder at the Coliseum.

Andy Vasquez stopped Buddy Spencer in the third round of the semi-final.

George Latka, erstwhile boxing master of San Jose, flashed little of his former skill in dropping a 10-rounder to Juan Zurita of Mexico, at the Hollywood Stadium. Not only was his timing and his defense bad, but, he couldn't even keep the cool head that he possessed in previous bouts. Latka's poor showing was due to his not being well, according to his handlers, (after the fight) but this writer believes it was due to Zurita's smartness, the Mexican's unorthodox style of milling and Latka's ego.

After trailing behind in nearly all the eight rounds, Latka elected to slug it out with Mexico's featherweight champ, but the Professor fared no better against Zurita than he had in trying to outbox the Aztec, in fact, George was belted around so lustily that it appeared that he was to go down before the final bell. Zurita weighed 134, Latka 135.

John Thomas, classy colored boxer of Los Angeles, easily decisioned Ray Campo, 128, in the 6-round semi. In scoring his fifteenth consecutive victory, Thomas copped every round from Campo.

Lonnie Austin, veteran fight man of Seattle, was in Los Angeles with his Japanese protege, Hal Hoshino, Pendleton, Ore. featherweight. Lonnie is one of the best known boxing men on the Pacific Coast. During his thirty years in the fight game, Austin has been a promoter, matchmaker, manager of pugilist's and a manufacturer of sporting equipment. Lonnie is now a boxing instructor in Seattle, operates a gymnasium and stages amateur shows.

Although Baby Arizmendi has been campaigning in rings for thirteen years, he is still a good fighter and therefore had little trouble whipping Baby (Quintin) Breese in a 10-rounder at the Hollywood Stadium. The contest was hard fought, but lacked excitement because of being an in-close affair. The two tough Babys fought their usual type of fight, Arizmendi, as always, putting forth his best efforts in hard and clean fighting, while Breese resorted to his usual foul tactics. The Kansas boy did little damage with his gloved fists, but plenty with his head, shoulders and elbows.

Breese started the evening off as though he were going to spank his veteran opponent, but that opening round was the only session in which the handsome Kansan was the leading man. After Arizmendi had sunk those short arms in Quintin's tummy for a few rounds, Breese slowed down to a whisper and did little else but clinch in the later rounds of the lop-sided contest. Arizmendi weighed 142, Breese 137.

Ray Price, 134, rendered Bobby Neal of Detroit, hors du combat in the opening round of the semi.

Jimmy Doyle, 138, decisioned Bob Castro, 142, in the 4-round special.

In San Diego; Richard Polite, 148, New Orleans, stiffened Francois de Tombeaux, 150, France, in the first round of a scheduled 10-rounder at the Coliseum. De Tombeaux was down when gong ended opening round at count of eight, and was unable to respond for the second round.

Francisco De La Cruz, portly Mexican heavyweight, scored a 4th round TKO over Corp. Hal Flannagan of Fort Ord, in a scheduled 8-rounder at the Los Angeles' Olympic. De La Cruz, a fast, clever boxer, in spite of his extra avoirdupois, jabbed and crossed the grinning Irishman for three heats and then wiped the smile off the soldier's face by planting one in Flannagan's soft stomach in the fourth, which retired the Corporal for the evening. De La Cruz weighed 230, Flannagan 210.

Costello Cruz, 161, easily defeated Charlie Harris, 157, in another 8-rounder. Harris was down for nine counts in 4th and 8th rounds.

John Thomas, 130, fast rising colored boxer of Los Angeles, stopped Dixie Fleming, 135, New Orleans, in the 7th round of the third feature bout.

Red Green, deferred from Army service because of defense work, is again in training and if the ship-building program doesn't interfere, the Signal Kid intends to return to the fistic wars next month. In spite of a bad hand and some raw decisions, Green is regarded as one of the best 140-pounders on the Pacific Coast, and the popular redhead has been missed by Hollywood fans. A fight between the Signal Kid and either Rodolfo Ramirez or Baby Arizmendi would sell out the Stadium.

In Ocean Park; Roscoe Smith, Omaha welterweight, took seven of the eight rounds to grab an easy decision over Lalo Rodriguez of Los Angeles, at the Ocean Park Arena.

Rodolfo Ramirez, Mexico's lightweight champion, experienced little trouble in winning a 10-rounder over Toby Vigil at the Hollywood Stadium. Vigil, who has slipped considerable in the past year, was credited with but two of the ten heats, and received quite a punching around in most of the others. Mexico's pride put on a blitzkreig in the 8th that had Toby substituting for the heavy bag all during that session. Ramirez weighed 140, Vigil 135.

Tony Canelli, 146, won a close decision over Max Hutchins, 149, in the 6-round semi-windup.

The biggest upset to take place in a California ring this year was the one-round knockout of Hal Hoshino by Jimmy Florita in a scheduled 10-rounder at the Los Angeles' Olympic. Hoshino, a Japanese out of Pendleton, Ore., is regarded as one of the best featherweights in the business and holds KO wins over some of the top-notchers. Florita, a Filipino of Stockton, is a terrific puncher and a gamester, but is inexperienced and hasn't much of a repertoire.

The script called for Hoshino to flatten Florita and right himself for a crack at the Richie Lemos-Jackie Wilson winner. But these Filipino fighters make bad lambs and before the first round was half over Jimmy parked a haymaker on Hoshino's jaw that felled the Jap like a timber. Hal struggled to rise and almost made it, but fell back to the canvas at the toll of five, where he was counted out. Florita weighed 130, Hoshino, 126.

In the 8-round semi-windup, Alfredo Chavez, 107, decisioned Tommy Oliveras 113.

LEST I FORGET—The Hogue Twins are really "going to town" on their eastern invasion. . . . Richie Lemos is the father of a baby girl. . . . Gus Wilson's middleweight, Costello Cruz, recently out of the amateur rings, has won all his six starts since turning pro . . . . Defense work employment is sure hurting the class of preliminary bouts. The same mediocre class of talent is being used on the big club programs as is booked at the small, out of city clubs . . . . Jimmy McDaniel's club-fighting has made a hit with New York boxing fans . . . . Joe Louis stopped George Giambastiani, young Los Angeles heavyweight, in an advertised "exhibition" bout at San Jose.

Mike Delia, hard punching young lightweight of Los Angeles, is going great guns in New Orleans and Texas rings. He is under the direction of Henry Armstrong, who is on a refereeing tour . . . . Manuel Ortiz isn't showing the ability that he flashed in stopping Lou Transparenti and Rush Dalma a few months back . . . . Joe Louis attended the Hollywood Stadium fights while out here. . . . .

Larry Cisneros, Gus Wilson's tough Mexican lightweight, now in the Army, is stationed at Fort Knox, Ky., and Larry would like to hear from some of the Coast boys . . . . George Godfrey, one time contender for heavyweight title, is acting as barker for Willie Orner's Main Street Gymnasium . . . . Amateur boxing in South California is to have a revival, judging by the number of clubs that have re-opened in recent weeks. The Southwest Arena of Los Angeles and clubs at Riverside and San Bernardino, are three to recently enter the "simon-pure" field.

Lieut.-Commander Gene Tunney spent a few days out here on Navy business, interviewing applicants for physical director jobs with the Navy. . . . Dave Chacon, Ocean Park welterweight who has been campaigning in eastern rings for the past year, was back in Los Angeles on a visit . . . . Jimmy Murray is now making the matches at the San Diego Coliseum and you can look for it to start paying dividends . . . . Jack Johnson, one of the great heavyweight champions, is making his headquarters in Los Angeles these days. Lil' Artha has a young colored heavyweight under his wing, one Lorenzo Ross, out of Detroit . . . . Jerry Pelton and his heavyweight, Rodie O'Dooley, returned to Denver, where Jerry's big Irishman is a card . . . . Georgie Hansford, Bob Bonger, Nick Peters, Bob Crittenden and Red Green are among the many fighters employed in the shipyards . . . John Thomas is by far the best looking prospect in California pro ranks . . . . Jackie McCoy is the class of the southland amateur rings. He enters on a professional career next month . . . . Cleveland now knows how good our Jackie Wilson is, and New York is soon to find it out . . . . This writer's address is 1231 N. June St., Hollywood, Calif.

HOLYOKE NEWS
By GEORGE KID ROSS

A NEW boxing and social club has opened up in the old gym in which Harry Borden used to run, Borden plans a new gym in another location. Borden is a real boxing addict. Johnny Green is boxing for him now. Green hails from Maine and is a fair looking prospect, and if handled the right way may become a good fighter.

The writer will open a gym in Springfield, backed by influential business men, and will operate with young boys who are willing to spend a few spare hours to put them in good condition. Those with ability and an inclination to become fighters will get the right instruction in boxing from me.

The Valley Arena has been putting on bangup cards of late, featuring main bout fighters. The fights have been very even affairs, showing the good matchmaking of Joe DeMaria.

Micky "Red" Canty of Springfield, Mass. is showing his wares between New York and Holyoke with regularity. He scored victories in both cities then lost a close one to Johnny Caruso in New York.

Here and there—Beau Jack who still loves Springfield, Mass. has returned from his visit in the South. Although his handlers would like him to make his home in New York, he prefers the city of homes. His friends were shocked by the news of his defeat by Freddy Archer at the St. Nicholas Club.

Leo Bradley who made his home here and about for years has located in Providence, R. I. with Jackie Callura, Howell King and a few other good fighters. Leo is a hustler and will always keep in the hurry burry go-getting game with one or two battlers capable of earning him his coffee and cakes . . . . A boxing tournament will be held at New Haven, Conn. featuring the best lightweights in the country to find a suitable opponent for the lightweight crown. Nat. S. Fleischer will donate a belt to the winner . . . . Eli Bourdon of Claremont, N. H. who has been running boxing shows in that town for a long long time, will stage them there every other week this winter. Although not a big paying club, one gets what Eli promises even if he goes in the red. He has always been a straight shooter . . . .Brattleboro, Vermont has opened up again for the winter, with Stan Nowicki promoting. Stan is another square promoter, who is doing his best to give the fans of Vermont some good boxing shows . . . . Buster Beaupre of Burlington, Vermont is winning regularly in his home town, he is a real drawing card there now, as is Coley Welch in Portland, Maine. Both are pretty good fighters . . . . Howell King who made his home in Springfield, Mass. is going strong around here again.

BOXING IN CUBA
By MILT BARON

ANTONIO FERNANDEZ, Chilean middleweight contender, managed by Sammy Scheer of New York, heralded here as a super-boxer, proved his worth when he met Joe Legon, the Cuban punching dynamo, at the Sports Palace in Havana on November 15 before a record-breaking crowd of 10,000. Legon's furious, incessant attack made the Chilean step fast the first three rounds, but starting the fourth session, Fernandez forged ahead and was holding things his own way toward a sure victory until the eighth round, when he sustained a badly cut right eye, and Dr. Llamas halted the contest. Fernandez's clean and clever style of boxing made a great hit with local fight fans, and the majority were in accord with his statement that the injured eye was caused by a butt. The Chilean master admits that Legon is a dangerous puncher, but right now nothing would suit him more than a return go. Fernandez weighed 146½ and Legon 149.

Sammy Scheer, who manages Fernandez, was quite upset over the outcome of the contest, and stated his charge did not get a fair break. Well, Sammy, better luck next time. Scheer met many of his old acquaintances he made here three years ago and was a welcome visitor.

Claudio Villar, Spanish heavy, will be seen in action here next month. Villar has been coming along in great fashion, more so ever since he has been under the tutelage of Harry Raskin, employed by Jess Losada, who pilots the Spanish heavyweight. Losada, prominent scribe, has been appointed by the National Sports Commission, chief of publicity department. Jess is highly regarded in the field of sports writing, and certainly deserves this promotion. Good luck, Jess.

Soldier Serrano, 147½, easily outpointed Angel Ruiz, 155, in eight rounds, only to receive an adverse decision. The crowd booed the decision and gave Serrano a big hand. Juan Villalba, 127¼, easily defeated Reynaldo Puentipi, 128½, in eight good rounds, and Robert Martinez, 146½, who is a stablemate of Joe Legon, Cuba's welter champion, easily won from Kid Toriza, 142, in a special six-rounder. Jose Luis Peña, 118½, drew in four with Ignacio Alfonso, 119.

Reynaldo Gutierrez, Cuban crack middleweight, under the management of Luis Gutierrez, is rounding into shape for a winter campaign in New York. Gutierrez is a product of the Golden Gloves, and sure looks like a coming star.

Santiago Sosa, Cuba's sterling lightweight, who is managed by Gutierrez, easily defeated Ton Mar of Mexico in ten colorful rounds. Sosa has a big following here, and has all the earmarks of a future great performer. Jose Ferrer, 130, won in six rounds from Angel Pino, 134½, and Rodolfo Ribalta, 119¼, scored a four-round kayo over Armando Santos, 118½.

Lorenzo Safora, Cuba's bantamweight champion, drew in ten rounds with Adolfo Giz (National Kid), 126. The decision was a fair one, although both boys who are quite popular here, had their admirers claiming a victory. No doubt they will be rematched, and Safora should emerge the winner, as he is a better boxer than the Kid.

National Kid, Cuba's latest sensation in the featherweight ranks, scored a two-round knockout over Isidro Delgado in a scheduled ten-rounder. Being floored in the first for a no-count, the Kid got up and weathered the shock, but came out furiously in the second and stopped Delgado cold. National Kid is now slated to meet Joey Puig of Tampa, Fla.

Indian Gomez, 157½, managed by Manolo Fernandez, scored an easy eight-round decision over Evangelio Valiente, 156. Gomez put up a whale of a battle and had the fans going wild. Diego Sosa, 117½, won from Marcelo Castillo, 119¼, when the latter was disqualified for foul tactics. Lorenzo Collazo, 127, also managed by Manolo Fernandez, beat Joe Armstrong, 128, in six good rounds, and Ignacio Alfonso, 117, who is a deadly puncher, scored a four-round kayo over Billy Caceres.

The Golden Gloves tournament came to a close on November 5, and here are the champions in each division for the year 1941: Paperweight, Luis Galvani; flyweight, Mario Pacheco; bantamweight, Manolito Fernandez; featherweight, Rafael Diaz; lightweight, Alberto Nunez; welterweight, Roberto Aguilera; middleweight, Mario Griffin.

Pina Caribe Stadium amateur results: Evelio Beloy, 118, beat Tomy Mendnez, 118; Luis Perez kayoed Pancho Barbosa, one round; Julio Martinez, 126½, beat Gregorio Cardenas, 126; Gerardo Diaz, 126, knocked out Baby Nicolas, 122, in one; Antonio Perez, 131, beat Raul Morales, 127½; Baby Echevarria, 135, beat Francisco Alfonso, 131; and Fenerando Soria, 136, beat Felipe Cuesta. 138.

Arena Cristal amateur results: Rene Hernandez, 85, beat Cirilo Barrato, 89; Rolando Delgado, 112, kayoed Alfredo Bolivar, 112, in three; Cuco Bocalandro, 104, beat Enrique Perez, 105; Angel Garcia, 114½, beat Miguel Caceres, 116; Rogelio Aldazabal, 125, beat Olimpio Hernandez, 124; Antonio Rodriguez, 129, kayoed Fco Castaneda, 128½, in two rounds; Normando Diaz, 118, kayoed Ramon Cid, 113½; German Viciedo, 96, beat Hose Martinez, 99; Raul Hernandez, 93, beat Roberto Villalonga, 94; Domingo Oropesa, 106; lost to Antonio Cruz, 104; Sergio Rivera, 127, beat Fco Castañeda, 128; Angel Herse, 124, beat Juan Santiesteban, 121½; Pablo Alfonso, 93, was stopped in two rounds by "Record" Arocha, 90½; Mario Pacheco, 112, won from Jose Sosa, 114; Frank Castro, 96, beat Angel Gomez, 98; Alberto Nunez, 135, beat Fenerando Soria, 136; Luis Galvani, 104, beat Baturrito Pinareno, 104; and Robert Aguilera, 139, knocked out Pedro Pablo Martinez, 140.

Regla Galban, Lobo Park Stadium stages weekly amateur shows. Danilo Urquiola, 117, beat Juan Gonzalez, 116; Evelio Torres, 131, beat Julio Maceo, 129; Raul Morales, 127, beat Joe Rodriguez, 125; "Record" Arocha, who hails from Regla, holds the Cuban record as being the only one in his division to score a knockout over two fighters. Arocha weighs 90 pounds, and we could probably term his division as "Mosquitoweight." Arocha is 16 years old.

Jaime Marine, general director of the Cuban Sports Commission, is mighty proud of his accomplishments for the year 1941, not only in boxing, but in all departments of sports. Marine is to be highly commended for his untiring efforts to put Cuba on a high pedestal in the world of sports, and we must admit he has done wonders. Three cheers for Marine. Keep up the good work, Jaime.

Pablo Roca (Baby Coullimber), Cuban featherweight champion, scored in ten rounds over Leocadio Torres at Balboa Panama.

THE YEAR'S SUMMARY—Joe Pedroso, Cuba's lightweight champion, was the most active fighter during the year. Lorenzo Safora, the bantam champion, also deserves mention in this line, as does Joe Legon, who holds the welterweight title and is Cuba's most popular fighter. Kid Espinosa has not been seen in action more than two or three times, due to lack of opponents in the flyweight division. Some of the outstanding Cuban boxers for the year are Humberto Sierra, 112; Manolo Sierra, 126; Juan Villalba, 126; National Kid, 126; Relampago Espirituano, 112; Indian Gomez, 155; Angel Ruiz, 155; Evengelio Valiente, 154; Santiago Sosa, 135; Eligio Alvarez, 124; Soldier Serrano, 150; Robert Martinez, 146; Zenobio Becerra, 118; Diego Sosa, 118, Eddy de la Torre, 126; Reynaldo Puentipi, 128; Fermin Guerra, 146; Moises Rodriguez, 118; Giraldo Valdes, 180; Lorenzo Collazo, 126; Fermin Lopez, 130; and Bull Terry, 145.

Puerto Rico is scheduled to send us an amateur team this month that will meet a selected team of Cuban fighters at the Sports Palace in Havana. They had better send some good ones, if they expect to do better than the Mexican team a few months ago . . . . Out of eight contests, the Cuban team won six, which is a pretty fair average . . . . We think so, anyway . . . . Cocoa Kid, managed by Charley Rose, might be seen in action in Havana rings soon as an opponent for Joe Legon . . . . Larry Kellum, middleweight, and Andre Jessurun, welterweight, also may soon be seen in Havana rings . . . . Holman Williams, well-known welterweight, is booked to meet Joe Legon of Cuba some time in February.

BOXING IN MEXICO
By STANLEY PAUL

MEXICO has been watching with pride the success of their lightweight and featherweight title-holders Rodolfo Ramirez and Juan Zurita, respectively, who have made many friends by their clean cut wins in the Hollywood Legion Stadium in Los Angeles. To date Ramirez has beaten Jimmy Garrison and Johnny Hutchinson by K.O.'s in eight rounds each and won a decision over Toby Vigil. Zurita won a decision over George Latka in his only start in the movie stars' fight palace. As this is being written Zurita is slated to box either Leo Rodak or give Latka a return match. Just before leaving Mexico for Los Angeles Ramirez successfully defended his lightweight championship against his long time challenger, Carlos Malacara. The fight was very close with Malacara almost pulling the fight out of the fire in the closing rounds. However, Ramirez had piled up too big a lead in the middle rounds with a fine left jab and right uppercut to insure retaining his title. Many were turned away from the well packed Arena Nacional.

The past month has seen many fine bouts closely contested and to a satisfactory turnout. Mexico City has three clubs going weekly and all are doing well. Wednesday, Friday and Saturday nights are fight nights. In addition to Mexico City clubs are running weekly all over the Republic.

Outstanding boxers for the past month were Joe Conde, who turned the tables on Mexico's new kayo king, Raul de la Torre in a ten-round return match. They boxed before a packed house. Young, up and coming Leonardo Lopez, bantamweight challenger for the title won two bouts by kayo. One against Jorge Ybarra a bantam and the other against a lightweight Luis Alvarez. Paco won and drew with Enrique Cardosa. The latter bout seemed to have ended in Cardosa's favor but the judges ruled otherwise.

Luis Castillo, who is ranked seventh in THE RING's world ratings in the flyweight division had his appendix burst and will be out of action until latter January. Castillo's last bout was with Little Pancho, whom he stopped in two rounds before a packed audience at the Plaza de los Toros. In the semi-final Toby Vigil boxed Carlos Malacara a draw. Jimmy Fitten, well known promoter, put on this show.

There is plenty of work here for boxers from lightweight down to flyweights and those interested in making contact here can get complete information from Stanley Paul, Hotel Edison, Mexico City, Mexico. Managers and boxers are assured of fair treatment here.

IN BRITISH GUIANA
By COMPTON SANTOS

AFTER receiving a severe thrashing at the hands of Jack Johnson about two months ago, Joe Hyman made a successful comeback by defeating Jack Montelle, middleweight champion of Barbados, over ten rounds at the B. G. F. A. grounds, Georgetown, on November 10th. Hyman went after his man from the first round, throwing leather from all angles at his heavier opponent, who barely escaped a knockout. He was saved by the bell.

In a fast lightweight semi-final, Young Tanner, B. G.'s leading contender for the B. W. I. crown, disposed of the hard hitting "Dynamite Kid" in the fifth of a scheduled 10-rounder. The "Kid's" seconds, after seeing their man a battered and hopeless foe, threw in the towel, to halt the fray. Young Joe Louis was also a victor in a four-round mill.

Joe Gans of Barbados suffered a four-round defeat at the hands of Young Fritzie Zivic of B. G. This was a bantamweight bout.

Joe Hyman may defend his welterweight crown against Jimpy Edwards of Trinidad, here in December . . . . Lightweight Champ Al Tunney, also of Trinidad, is expected down here with Edwards, to defend his crown against Young Tanner.

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TIMELY CHATTER FROM GREAT BRITAIN

By JOHN S. SHARPE

THERE was not a big crowd at Syd Hull's show at the Granby Halls, Leicester, when Tom Reddington of Salford met Al Robinson of Leeds in a 10-round contest of an all-star card.

Robinson had a pull of about 28 pounds over Reddington, and troubled the latter with a hard right hand counter every time that the Salford heavyweight led with his left, and in the third session he connected, putting Reddington on the canvas for a count of nine, but from then on he fought on clever lines, making his heavier opponent miss with his heavy artillery.

Towards the end of the bout, Reddington after making Robinson miss with his heavy swings, would score with a neat left to the face and in this way piled up his points to draw level, and at the end of the bout the referee called the contest a draw.

Jim Brady of Dundee loomed up as a menace to featherweights when he knocked out Billy Walker of Stratford in the fifth of a 10-round contest.

Brady, holder of the Empire bantamweight title, and recently victor over that clever featherweight champion, Nel Tarleton, made little of the weight advantage that Walker had over him, for he tore in from the first gong and he overwhelmed his opponent with hooks and swings to Walker's head and body.

Walker was freely battered and literally hammered to defeat, and forced to take the count in the fifth stanza.

Jim Brady is now matched to meet Sergt. Tom Smith of Sunderland in the final eliminating contest for the right to meet Nel Tarleton for the British and Empire featherweight title.

Over eight rounds, Tiny Bostock of Leek met Billy Hazelgrove of Brighton, and after a hectic scrap, the referee declared a draw.

In another bout scheduled for eight rounds, Norman Snow of Northampton, after outboxing and outfighting Harry Craster of Middlesborough, forced the latter to retire at the end of the fifth round, owing to a damaged right hand.

Liverpool fight fans were treated to a rare rollicking roughhouse battle when Joe Curran of Liverpool and Hugh Cameron, newly crowned flyweight champion of Scotland, fought a 10-round contest to a packed house.

Cameron came in as a substitute for Jimmy Gill of Nottingham, and he proved a worthy opponent for the little tearaway from Liverpool, and it must have been a very narrow margin that Referee Jack Curphey decided on, that gave Curran the decision.

"Irish" Jimmy Smith of Tipperary again demonstrated that he has what it takes, when he met Frank Walker of Leeds in an eight-round contest, and was credited with a T.K.O. victory, when Walker's seconds threw in the towel in the fifth round, after Walker had taken considerable punishment.

In another eight-round contest, Danny Mack (Liverpool) gained a narrow points decision over Tommy Granton (Birkenhead) after a thrilling set-to.

Jack Crosby (Nottingham), the heavyweight who was a finalist in Syd Hull's heavyweight competition at Leicester, was given a show at the Stadium by Johnny Best, and he showed that he has the makings of a useful fighter.

His opponent was Tim Hesketh of Liverpool, and the latter had no chance, and it was no surprise when the referee rightly put the closure to the one-sided bout, during the third session, and declared Crosby the winner.

Sergt. Jack London of the R.A.F., a heavyweight that finds it hard to get a chance for the British heavyweight title, will now have to wait a while longer, now that he has met with an accident, dislocating his shoulder, whilst wrestling with a professional All-In wrestler.

Johnny Downes, the Manchester welterweight with a future, added another scalp to his record, when he defeated Jock McCusker of Scotland over 10 rounds at Leith.

On the same card Jimmy Stubbs of Runcorn scored a T.K.O. over Johnny Shaughnessey of Scotland, in the third of a 10-round bout, the latter came in as a substitute for Champion Jackie Paterson.

Cuthbert Taylor (Merthyr) gained a narrow points decision over Corporal Tommy Dowlais (Tredegar) after 10 rounds of clever boxing, at Pontypool.

Two promising lads in Young O'Niel (Merthyr) and Young Collins (Nantymoel) met over six rounds, and after a good scrap the only decision possible was given—a draw.

Ben Valentine (Fiji) gave weight and a beating to Jack Robinson (Nottingham) in their 10-round contest at Loughborough, after a hard-hitting bout.

Jackie Phillips (Wales) outpointed Sergt. Morry Caro of the R.A.F. and well known as Morry Josephs of Battersea, in a sparkling 10-round contest.

A local contest that caused a stir among the fans was that between Benny Isaacs (Empress Works) and Joe Moreby (Brush Works) who were matched over 10 rounds for a side stake, and the bout was full of thrills, and Isaacs proved the harder puncher, putting Moreby down for several counts, the end taking place in the eighth, when the latter failed to beat the count.

There was a large attendance at "The Stadium" Liverpool, when Kid Tanner of British Guiana was meeting Warren Kendall of Tonyrefail in a 10-round return contest, but the contest ended in a fiasco, when Kendall was ruled out in the first session, for hitting a low blow, and Tanner declared the winner.

The other contests made up the leeway for the crowd was treated to some smashing contests.

In the other 10-rounder, Frank Lennox (Blackpool) certainly proved himself "a puncher of the first class" for he was meeting that clever boxer from Bootle—viz Jimmy Duffy, who has had many successes at The Stadium.

In the first round, Lennox suffered a cut eye, but this did not deter his ambition to get in and slug it out with Duffy, who met him halfway, but it was soon seen that Lennox had the harder punch, and at the end of the second round, Duffy was showing the results of receiving some hard punching, and in the third he ran into a left hook that put him on the mat for nine, and on rising was a target for another smash to the jaw that put him down for the full count.

Norman Lewis (Nantymoel) showed class in defeating Al Sinclair of Wigan. The former outclassed his opponent, and the referee stopped the contest in the fourth round.

The big surprise of the show was the K.O. victory of Paddy Nolan of Liverpool over Jack Walsh of Salford in the third round. Walsh had outclassed Nolan in all parts of the game, but for gameness, for the latter had taken everything that Walsh had meted out, when all of a sudden, Nolan swung a right that caught Walsh on the chin and the latter went down for a nine count, and on rising was easily put down for the count.

Harry Thomas of Caerau, formerly one of the best amateurs of Welsh boxing, scored a T.K.O. victory over Percy Enoch (Tonyrefail) in the fourth of a 10-round contest at Pontypool.

Seymour Hall, Marylebone, was the scene of a new promotion, headed by James Cywan who topped his card with a return match between Jock McAvoy of Manchester, and also British middleweight champion and L/Bombardier Jack Hyams of Stepney over 10 rounds.

These were old opponents, and although McAvoy had not taken part in a serious contest for a considerable time, he nevertheless showed glimpses of his old form during the eighth round when he caught Hyams a peach of a right uppercut which staggered his opponent for a moment, and then collapsed for a nine count.

Up to that point the contest was pretty even, but during the last three rounds McAvoy showed his superiority, and received Referee C. B. Thomas's decision.

Dave Crowley of Clerkenwell and R.A.F. was too experienced for Douglas Bygrave of Norwich and R.A.F. in their 10-round contest, and well merited the decision at the close.

Al Marson (Poplar) knocked out Trooper Jim Gully in the third of a six-round bout, and Harry Watson (Aldgate) gained a good points over Bill Hawkins of Watford.

Jackie Paterson, Glasgow's gift to the flyweight division, and without a doubt one of the best at his weight in the world, handed out a severe beating to Billy Hazelgrove of Brighton in their contest at Blackpool.

The bout, scheduled for ten rounds, lasted till the ninth, when Paterson's hard hitting took its toll, and the game Brighton lad took the count, after receiving a deadly left to the jaw.

Eddie Maguire of Slough and the R.A.F., can be considered unlucky in his contest with Al Marson of Poplar, for after almost punching his taller opponent to a standstill during the middle rounds, and holding his own in the last two rounds of the eight-round contest, he and the crowd at the Alexandre Theatre, Stoke Newington, were surprised to hear the referee hand his decision to Marson.

(I am still of the opinion that it is foolish to bet on fights.)

Dave Finn (Stepney) gained a points decision over Douglas Bygrave of Norwich in a splendid eight-round contest.

It has been quite a time since I have given the results of boxing that has taken place in Ireland, and here are the latest results of fisticuffs in the Emerald Isle:

At Belfast, Tommy Steele of South Shields gained a narrow points verdict over Chuck Flannigan (Belfast) after ten rounds.

The ever popular Jackie Campbell (Belfast) knocked out "Digger" Jones in the fourth round.

Al Summers (Belfast) upset the book when he outpointed the fast improving local, Jim Doran in a splendid ten-round contest.

Matt Locke (Belfast) defeated Eddie Downey (Dublin) in a hard-hitting middleweight contest over ten rounds.

Harry McAuley (Belfast) made a welcome return to the ring after a layoff of twelve months, and the way he disposed of Tommy Forest of London seems that it won't be long before he will be seen in his native Belfast again.

McAuley, a useful bantam when he left the ring over twelve months ago, is now a full-fledged featherweight, and it is certain that this clever and hard hitting lad will soon be boxing for the Irish title.

Forest, who had made several good shows in Belfast, was no match for McAuley, who put the London lad on the canvas in nearly every one of the ten rounds, but the gameness of Forest was personified and he lasted the distance.

Tommy Steele (South Shields) outpointed Pat Kelly of Belfast in a ten-round contest.

There was a packed house when the two Cork middleweights met in a ten-round contest in Belfast. Pat O'Connor and Pat Mulcahy furnished the fireworks that had the crowd on their feet during every one of the ten rounds, and when Referee Billy Gilmore gave his decision to Mulcahy, there was nearly a riot, but Mulcahy saved the situation when he announced that he would be only too willing to give O'Connor a return contest, so Promoter Mrs. Copley is in for another packed house when these two middleweights meet again.

At Derry, the local favorite, Spider Kelly, formerly featherweight champion of Great Britain, outpointed Mick Magee (Belfast) in a fast contest over ten rounds.

Patsy Quinn (Belfast) turned in a good performance when he outpointed Jim Cameron (Glasgow) in a splendid ten-round contest.

Cameron thus suffered his first defeat in an Irish ring, for he had previously gone from victory to victory with his pleasing style.

Back in Belfast, Dennis Cahil of Dundee and Jim Keery of Lisburn fought ten fast rounds to a draw.

Dunty Doran (Belfast) forced Jeff Smith of Wellingborough to retire in the eighth round after the latter had received a cut eye.

Freddie Price, the smart Dublin middleweight, gained a narrow points verdict over Al Summers of Belfast after a keenly fought contest.

Chuck Flannigan and Pat Kelly, two Belfast lads, fought ten rounds of gruelling fighting before Flannigan received the decision.

Tommy Armour of Belfast, a welterweight who can fight, caused "Darkie" Harris (Bournemouth) to retire in the fifth of a ten-round contest, after he had received considerable punishment.

Armour, who is Ireland's welterweight "ace," is one fighter that has been handicapped by the war from winning a British title.

Jim McCann of Belfast, bantam champion of Ireland, forced Vic Andrews of Leeds to cry enough during the eighth of a ten-round contest.

Norman Lewis, the smart Welsh flyweight from Nantymoel, looks like he's going a long way in his chosen profession, for after defeating that smart youngster, Ronnie Clayton of Blackpool, he was called upon to meet Jim Parsons of London in a scheduled ten-round contest at Pontypool, but the hard-hitting Welsh lad soon had the Londoner in a bad way and it came as no surprise when the referee stopped the contest when Parsons was defenseless in the third round.

Johnny Best of the Stadium, Liverpool, staged an "Irish Night" that packed the large hall.

Sean Clancy (Sligo) scored a K.O. win over Frank Duffy of Bootle in the sixth of a scheduled ten-round bout. Duffy suited Clancy down to the ground when he decided to swap punches with the "Fighting Fool," as Clancy can be termed, for if there is anything that Clancy likes better than a fight, then you will have to show it to me. Clancy put Duffy on the mat quite a few times during the six rounds, and was an easy victim for the coup de grace after rising from a nine-count.

Johnny Downes, the fighting Irishman from Manchester, defeated Bill Hawkins of Watford in the eighth round when his seconds skied the towel after he had taken considerable punishment.

Gordon Ashun (Bootle) proved too strong for Joe Royce (Manchester) in their eight-round contest, and the former was a ready winner at the end.

Barney Feely (Cork), conceding quite a bit of weight to Tim Hesketh of Liverpool, handed out a terrific lacing to him, and at the end of the six rounds, when he received the decision, the crowd gave him a big hand, and it is a big certainty that Johnny Best will give this smiling Irishman many contests at the Stadium.

Dick Corbett of Bethnal Green was too clever for Mick Carney of Middlesborough in the feature eight-round contest at the Alexandre Theatre, Stoke Newington.

Jim Wellard of Northampton improves with every contest, and in his contest with Paddy Roche of Ireland, he proved too strong for the Irishman throughout the eight rounds and thoroughly earned the decision.

Rory O'Connor of Ireland stopped Ronnie Rice of Hackney in the third of a six-round contest, and Johnny Ryan of Kilburn outpointed Pat Palmer of Battersea after a good contest over six rounds.

Jimmy Stubbs of Runcorn won over Johnny Boom (Stratford) by the K.O. route during the third of a ten-round contest at Blackpool, a left swing to the body putting the Londoner down for the full count.

A large crowd gathered at the Royal Albert Hall for the matinee boxing program staged by Air Craftsman John Muldoon, in which he featured an all-star card. Ernie Roderick of Liverpool, the winner outright of the Lord Lonsdale Belt for welterweights, and the former lightweight champion, Harry Mizler of St. George's, were scheduled for ten rounds, but Roderick, fighting in great form, scored a T.K.O. victory over Mizler in the eighth round. Mizler had taken two counts and staggered to his feet in a helpless condition, and before Roderick could step in to deliver the coup-de-grace, Referee Charlie Thomas caught hold of Mizler and led him to his corner.

The contest was thrilling throughout, with the welter champion the stronger puncher. Although Mizler took his beating with courage, many times he landed heavily to Ernie's chin.

British Empire bantamweight champion Jim Brady of Dundee came in as a last minute substitute for Nel Tarleton, British featherweight champion, to meet one of the smartest featherweights out of Wales in Syd Worgan of Llanharan over ten rounds. Worgan, in his stand-up style, looked the perfect boxer, and in contrast Brady in all his stylish action, took the fight to Worgan from the start. The Scottish battler gave the Welshman little rest. He outfought Worgan in the last two rounds to win Referee Wilfred Smith's decision. Both boxers were given a rousing reception when they left the ring.

Freddie Mills of Bournemouth gave away over 28 pounds in weight and about eight inches in height to his opponent, Jim Wilde of Swansea, in their scheduled eight-round contest, but he made little of his handicap and tore into his tall opponent and with a stinging blow to the stomach in the third round, one hard left hook, he scored a kayo over Wilde.

Arthur "Ginger" Sadd of Norwich gained another chance to meet Jock McAvoy for the latter's middleweight title when he stopped Dave McCleave of Battersea in the eighth due to a badly cut eye.

Douglas Bygrave of Norwich beat Mickey Martin of Wales in a furious battle of eight rounds. Dom Lydon of Ireland gained a first round victory when the referee stopped the contest because Dom's opponent, Trooper Jim Gully, was outclassed.

In his next show, Air Craftsman John Muldoon is certain of a packed house, for he has matched Freddie Mills to meet Jack London in a ten-round contest which should look like another battle of "David and Goliath."

A new promotion opened at Stoke Newington when the Alexandre Theatre Boxing Club was formed for Sunday afternoon boxing for members. A good crowd turned out for the first show, in which Jack "Kid" Berg lost in ten rounds to George Odwell of Canden Town. Jim Wellard of Northampton was too strong for Jackie Hammond of Norwich in their eight-round contest and won. Pat Palmer of Battersea and Alf Ward of Cheam fought a thrilling six-round contest to a draw, and Bill Hawkins of Watford gained a points decision over Rory O'Connor of Ireland in six.

"Little Dynamite" Joe Curran of Liverpool lived up to his name when he met Hugh Cameron of Glasgow, Scottish champion of flyweights, in a return contest over 15 rounds at the Stadium, Liverpool.

This was one of the rare side bet contests, the supporters of both parties depositing $500 each with the B.B.B.C. as stakeholder, and they to nominate the referee, which turned out to be my old friend, Barrington Dalby, who had very little to do but decide that Curran had won by a considerable margin.

Johnny Best of the Stadium, Liverpool, had a packed house when he staged Jimmy Moore of Birkenhead in a ten-round contest against Joe Connolly of Glasgow in a welterweight contest with Connolly winning.

In the other contests, Gordon Ashun (Bootle) outpointed Tommy Granton (Birkenhead) in eight rounds and in a thrilling contest Jackie Wright (Birkenhead) beat Paddy Nolan of Ireland, who was ruled out for striking his opponent with a back-hand blow.

Ronnie Clayton, the classy little flyweight from Blackpool, gained a very good win when he knocked out that sparkling little flyweight, Micky Jones of Southend in the second of a six-round contest, with a perfect right cross to the jaw, which spelled curtains for Jones.

Mick Carney (Middlesborough) gained a K.O. victory over Joe Royce (Manchester) in the fourth of a ten-round contest at the Watford Town Hall. Charlie Mapp (Walthamstow) was awarded a T.K.O. win over Arthur Smith of Watford in the fourth, and Dom Lydon (Ireland) K.O.'ed Charlie Collett (Hemel Hempstead) in the fourth.

This is all for this time, readers, and we will be with you again next month.

CANADIAN TOPICS
By LAWSON BAMPTON

MONTREAL fandom enjoyed their best fistic treat of the year when Alec Moore, Forum matchmaker, presented a well balanced card topped by a doubleheader, two main bouts. Armistice Day atmosphere didn't seem quite the setting for a background with the gloves flying fast and furious and the fans gleefully urging the battlers to "keep on whacking." Two bouts failed to go the limit, one a sudden second round kayo that was a jolting surprise to the fans as well as the victim, and there were other surprising results that made the five-bout program an unusually good night's entertainment.

Lenny "Boom Boom" Mancini, Frankie Jacob's tough little Brooklyn battler, was the surprise of the night as he beat Dave Castilloux, Canadian welter and lightweight king, in their ten-rounder, although one judge disagreed, figuring Castilloux had outboxed his rival. Mancini kept Dave on the run with his two-fisted swings except for the few times Castilloux got set and let go with well-timed blows that temporarily halted the "Perpetual Motion Kid." Mancini kept up the same aggressive pace throughout and won going away.

Harry Hurst made a very favorable impression with his classy, high-powered display against Julio Gonzales, rugged and canny Puerto Rican, in the other ten-rounder. Maurice Foreman's sensational lightweight punched holes in Gonzales from start to finish and had the Puerto Rican on the verge of a knockout on several occasions, especially in the ninth when he caught Gonzales with a high right to the head that floored him. Hurst's fine boxing and explosive right hand shots slowed the agile Puerto Rican down to a walk.

Art Foster, Buffalo Negro, sprang a surprise by his two round knockout of Johnny Greco, promising Montreal 140-pounder. Greco seemed slow to get going and was caught cold with a stiff wallop in the first round that dazed him badly. He hadn't come out of it when Foster cut loose in the second round with a couple of well placed "finishers." Fernand Demers, rangy local welter, gave away poundage and an artistic pasting to Maxie Spoon in a six-rounder. Demers threw too many right hands too efficiently for the Jewish middleweight southpaw, whose willingness to slug it out provided plenty of pleasing action. In the four-round opener Sammy Jacobs stopped Jean Tousignant in the final minute when the young French lad went dead on his feet. It was a sweet battle up to that point, but Tousignant tired fast while Jacobs geared up and tossed his punches faster.

STRAY SHOTS . . . . Harry Hurst showed twice in Holyoke, Mass., after beating Gonzales, to add Vince Dell'Orto and Charley Varre, New York lightweights, to his rapidly growing list of victims . . . . Dave Castilloux retained his Canadian welter crown in a title bout with Sonny Jones, colored Vancouver flash, at Toronto . . . . this was a hard-fought ten rounder with Jones getting away to an early lead that was steadily whittled down by the champion in the second half of the bout to the extent of having Jones badly exhausted at the finish . . . . the semi-final saw Frenchy Beaudin outscoring Art Foster in a sizzling eight-rounder . . . . Amateur boxing is a rarity in Montreal now with enlistments and war work depleting the ranks of the young fighters.

IN THE NEW JERSEY CORNER
By HARRY MANSBACH

OUTMAULED by a canny veteran who seldom permitted him stabbing room for a left, Frank Poreda, J. C., was decisively beaten by Buddy Knox, veteran Ohioan at Laurel Garden, Newark, on Nov. 10. Poreda, forced to fight in a hurried and hence ineffective way, looked his sorriest of any local fights. Knox scored the only knockdown of the fight in the eighth, shooting a left hook which landed simultaneously with the bell. Poreda went sprawling. He seemed badly hurt when he got to his corner, but vigorous work by his seconds enabled him to start the ninth. Dynamite Daniels, Newark glover, dropped Earl Mintz of J. C. for an easy victory in the six-round semi-final. Johnny Caruso, 150, J. C., slugged Don Paris, 150, New York, heavily in another scheduled six, the bout terminating in the fifth.

Mario Centi is on his way to California. Mario's eyesight was being bothered by his work in a defense industry factory, so he decided to go West. But he took his boxing togs along, for while on the Pacific Coast, he may engage in some fisticuffs. Jimmy Marsilla recommended he place himself under the management of Larry White, Fred Apostoli's handler.

Norman Rubio, 143, Albany, pounded out an easy victory over Bucky Streater, 142, in the feature attraction at Trenton on November 10.

Frankie Duane, 135, Elizabeth, scored a seven-round technical knockout over Mickey Lerosa, 133, New York, at the Grotto Auditorium, Jersey City, on November 11. Jackie Alzec, 149, of New York won Referee Whitey Healy's decision over Felix Morales in the eight-round semi-final.

Displaying better form than in any of his previous engagements in New York, Allie Stolz, popular Newark lightweight, trounced Charley Varre, Brooklyn Italian, in the feature attraction at St. Nicholas Palace on November 17.

Freddie Archer, 135, Weequahic walloper, won a decisive victory over Leo Dulmaine of Worcester, Mass., in a ten-round bout at Laurel Garden, Newark.

Freddie Fiducia, Newark heavyweight, is being considered as an opponent for Lou Nova by Mike Jacobs. Uncle Mike's first idea along these lines was a bout between Nova and Gus Lesnevich, but the latter sustained an injured hand beating Tami Mauriello. In recent bouts, Fiducia knocked out Wallace Cross and defeated Tommy Tucker.

Noting that jobs in defense industries were preventing many young boxers from appearing in bouts, State Athletic Commissioner Abe J. Green announced a change in regulations intended to relieve the situation. Green said that henceforth contestants in preliminary bouts would not be required to weigh in at the fight arena until 7 p.m. of the night of the match. Main event and semi-final fighters must continue to observe the noon-time weighing-in rule, however.

Joe Lynch, 156, of Plainfield recovered after a first-round knockdown to win a decision over Francisco Montanari, 152, New York, in the eight-round feature bout of the New Brunswick Boxing Club on November 21.

Fighters who love to fight can find plenty of action in New Jersey and New York if they will write Harry Mansbach, 37 Arlington Street, Newark, N. J. Enclose complete fight records, personal history and self-addressed stamped envelope for reply. Fighters must possess ability and plenty of courage to make good here.

Steve Hostak, 158, Newark, defeated Billy Grant, 157, Orange, in the eight-round headliner at Amboy Auditorium on November 24. It was Hostak's second decision in a month over the game little Negro battler.

Wild Bill McDowell, 161, of Peterson turned in a ten-round victory over Bunky Wall, 156, of Morristown in the main event at the Grotto Auditorium at Jersey City on November 25. Dan Rosati, 149, Newark, outpointed George Wilson, 145, New York, in the six-round semi-final.

Teddy Williams, popular colored Newark handler of fighters, has two very good prospects, Danny Aldridge, 160-pounder, and Johnny Francis, 147. Both boys have impressive records in the amateurs last year . . . . George Kobb, matchmaker of Elizabeth's fight club, Scott Hall, is a very busy man these days. He is the announcer of fights at Laurel Garden, Newark, and Broadway Arena in New York . . . . Besides his match-making duties in Elizabeth, he also has a salesman position during the day . . . . Sonny "Stewart" Simon has just returned from a successful campaign throughout the Southeastern States and has compiled a very impressive record. He is now in the capable hands of Maxie Fischer, popular lightweight, who is now a manager of fighters.

Irish Johnny Flynn, 194, of Rochester scored the surprise victory of the season by knocking out Wallace Cross, 203, East Orange Negro and former National A.A.U. heavyweight champion, in the fifth round of their scheduled eight round match at Laurel Garden on Dec. 1. Three times Flynn draped Cross over the ropes in the fifth before he finally put him down for a count of nine. Wallace Cross wasn't on his feet very long before Flynn started pounding him about the head with lefts and rights and Referee Brown halted the contest. Charley Davis, highly-touted New Yorker, was held to a draw by Ruby Garcia, Puerto Rican.

Pat Comiskey, heavyweight boxer, is in the hospital again, with a possible fractured thigh, suffered in an automobile accident at Newburgh, N. Y. Comiskey has just recovered from a motorcycle accident, and had tentative bouts with Tony Galento, and other important matches.

It's quite fitting that Boatswain's Mate Red Cochrane, U. S. Naval Reserves, should have a manager who is known as the "Admiral." We refer to Willie Gilzenberg, who acquired his naval "commission" long before he became owner of a fighter who joined the Navy. Gilzenberg used to play cards with the boys in the fight office every afternoon and it seems Gilzenberg was always the victim. Once ashore, a seaman and his money are soon parted, so in referring to Willie's hard luck with cards, they used the expression "He goes overboard like a sailor." He lost so steadily that overnight they increased his rank from an ordinary gob to "Admiral."

HEARD AND SEEN IN MICHIGAN

By MICKEY McINTIRE

THE gamest man in Michigan turned out to be Detroit's Frank Barbaro. The genial night club proprietor who has been promoting boxing, really "took it on the chin" with his recent "white hope" heavyweight tournament. Report has it that Barbaro lost upwards of $30,000. The ultimate winner turned out to be Lee Savold, who took down the top prize of $9,000. Texas Jack Marshall lost out to Savold in the final bout and was rewarded to the extent of $2,000.

One of the highlights of the tourney, however, was the showing of Frank Zamoris, Jersey tavern keeper. He seemed to be the most colorful performer in the tourney, but fate turned against him. He broke his thumb in a late round of the tourney while stopping one of the favorites, Johnny Denson of Indianapolis. Barbaro has plans for Zamoris, and hopes to develop him into a stellar drawing card.

Barbaro believes he can bring boxing back in Detroit merely by following the principles of his night club enterprise, which is "Give the public the best money can get," and with a little cooperation from the big-wigs of boxing he is a cinch to make good.

The Fairview Gardens Club has been doing well since Billy Shaw and Eddie Trongo took over the matchmaking, with Neal Jacobs handling the reins. It is said that Neal carries a red light, but that doesn't mean stop to his great, two-fisted Canadian welter, Harvey Dubs. A few shows which drew good houses, saw Dubs outpunch Milwaukee's Johnny Roszini in an eight round thriller, and later featured Roszini who defeated Johnny Ryan. Their last show saw Cincinnati's Charlie Eschman come up from the preliminary ranks to outgun Irish Pat Thomas in a headline attraction.

Eddie Scott, clever local colored lightweight who has boxed many of the better boys his weight, turned in a recent triumph over Johnny Butcko. Scott has been looking good lately and seems to be headed for better things.

Bobby McIntire, who has done little since breaking his hand last spring, is back in training and looking better than ever. McIntire's future fights will be at around 145 pounds and the added weight should help considerably. McIntire is wondering what Young Kid McCoy is aiming to do with the state welterweight belt now in his possession. It seems they're not stablemates any more, and McIntire is convinced that he has the "Indian sign" on McCoy. Besides McCoy, Bobby is anxious to cross gloves with Al Nettlow or Harvey Dubs.

Chuck Roberts, Montana heavyweight contender, who campaigned successfully around this section last spring, is reported to be doing well around Omaha and Scottsbluff, Neb. Roberts was on the shelf due to bad hands, but is okay now, and his managers, Johnny and Bobby McIntire, are lining up some good shots for him.

Merle Richards, who has been plugging along with ordinary fighters for some time now, seems to be headed for better things. Eddie Scott, headliner of the Richards stable, is in good shape and has some good fights lined up. Merle is the promoters' "angel." He can supply any type of fighter wanted at any time, and is really a good hustler. His three hundred and four pounds don't seem to slow him up at all.

Wyandotte seems to be back on the map, as regular promotions seem to be in progress at the down river metropolis. Johnny Pivour, a Wyandotte boy now serving in the Army, featured the first show and scored an impressive kayo. Pivour is a likely looking heavyweight and will be seen in action with a higher grade of opposition. Jolting Joe Sutka, probably the best fighter ever to come out of Wyandotte, will also be featured on future cards, with leading middleweight opponents.

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CONNECTICUT NEWS

By DON HAMILL

BOXING in this state got back into the swing after a dull previous month. Bridgeport proved the busiest city in the state by giving shows every Monday night. Waterbury and Ansonia both opened their doors to poor crowds. New Haven and Hartford both remained dark but have shows planned.

November 10th—Bridgeport—Pyramid Mosque—Red Moffett, Devon pride, won the feature eight round decision over Rego Dell, formerly of Scranton but now of Bridgeport. Moffett was sadly off form due to a rather long layoff. Chico Hernandez, lanky Texan featherweight, stole the show by beating Snooks Lacey, New Haven Negro, in the co-feature eight. Terry Mendez, Norwalk welterweight, stopped Dick Schaeffer, Bridgeport, after four sessions. In the four rounders: Joe Schulte, 126, Meriden, outpointed Bobby Hudson, 126, Bridgeport; and Stanley Goitz, 176, Yonkers, N. Y., won over Tony Gillo, 175, New Haven.

November 14th—Ansonia—The Opera House—Lenny Verosky, 165, Herculean built Ansonia foundryman, banged out a six round decision over Billy Conklin, 160, New Haven Negro. Art Tatta, 148, New Haven, flattened Charley Stevenson, 153, Norwalk, in the second. Tony Gillo, 170, New Haven, stole the show with his win over Jackie Read, New Haven Negro, in a third six.

November 17th—Bridgeport—Pyramid Mosque—Bobby "Poison" Ivy, Hartford's featherweight contender, fought a hard fought ten round draw with Lightweight Abe Kaufman of Philadelphia. Joe DiMartino, Bridgeport Italian, punched out an easy win over Irish Joe Nealon, Scranton, Pa., in the eight round semi-final. Terry Mendez, Norwalk welter, tucked away Tony Calbo, Bronx, N. Y., in round one. Godfrey Howell, 152, New York Negro, handed a setback to Al Tanch, Wallingford lad, in a four. In the opener, Stanley Goitz, 172, Yonkers, N. Y., won over Young Eatman, 168, Norwalk Negro.

November 21st—Waterbury—Buckingham Hall—Irish Eddie Dolan, 147, Waterbury favorite, scored a technical knockout over Eddie Guerra, 153, New York, in the fifth round of a scheduled eight-rounder. The referee halted the contest as Guerra was unable to continue. Dom Fiantini, 125, Reading, Pa., knocked out Billy Marcus, 126, Hartford, in the third round. The best fight of the night saw Johnny Dundee, 131, Hartford, bang out a victory over Charley Roberts, 130, New Britain Negro, in another six spot. Bobby O'Brien, 126, Hartford, decisioned Bobby Henderson, 126, rugged New York colored boy, in a third six. Al Renick, 148, East Hartford, stopped Lou Miller, 151, New York, in the third.

November 24th—Bridgeport—Pyramid Mosque—Eddie Alzek, 145, New York, had little trouble in stowing away Al Evans, 147, Boston Negro, in the fifth round of the ten round feature bout. Mel Serrato, 154, Mexican, left-jabbed out a six round decision over Frankie Young, 157, New Haven. Stanley Goitz, 178, Yonkers, N. Y., made it four straight in as many weeks by beating Tony Gillo, 175, New Haven, in four rounds. Tony Falco, 142, Middletown, stopped Johnny Wright, 138, New York, in the third. In the opener, Joey Schulte, 129, Meriden, flattened Vinny Magro, 130, Waterbury, in the third.

December 1st—Bridgeport—Pyramid Mosque—Red Moffett, Devon Irishman, banged out an easy eight round win over Frankie Velez, Puerto Rican welterweight.

Terry Mendez, Norwalk, scored a good win in kayoing Joey Rogers, Bridgeport 142-pounder, in the second. Johnny Compo, New Haven featherweight, won over Bobby Henderson, New York Negro, in another six. Tony Burrone, Bridgeport junior lightweight, fought a slashing draw with Jimmy Wright of New York in six. Milt Kessler, 143, Bridgeport, beat Henry Holt, 142, Danbury, in four.

During the month Connecticut fighters were quite busy in out-of-state rings. Earl Roys, Bristol featherweight, stopped Eddie DeAngelis, Boston, in three heats at Fall River, Nov. 6, and then handed Billy Marcus, Hartford, a boxing lesson over the six-round route at Holyoke, Nov. 10. Johnny Dundee, Hartford, whipped Frankie Gardea, California, on the same Holyoke card . . . . Nov. 24, Dundee gave Billy Marcus a good going over in Holyoke . . . . Cocoa Kid, New Haven Negro welterweight contender, scored two wins by whipping Freddy Camuso, Nov. 13, in Fall River, and kayoing Pedro Tomez, 148, Philadelphia, Nov. 17, at Ridgewood Grove in New York . . . . Nov. 25, Joey Iannotti, clever New Haven featherweight, defeated Joey Stack, Philadelphia, in eight at the Bronx Coliseum in New York. On the same card, Frankie Zezima, Stamford lightweight, won over Jimmy Pierce, New York, in six rounds . . . . On the Tony Zale-Georgie Abrams Madison Square Garden card, Nov. 29, Billy Duffy, Hartford welterweight, now in the Navy, boxed a six-round draw with Pete Muscarnera of New York.

This writer is looking for good fighters at any weight. All fighters must be unattached. Write me, Don Hamill, 102 Park Terrace, Hartford, Conn. All queries on boxing in this state will be answered.

SO. JERSEY, DELAWARE AND PENNA. COAL REGION NOTES

By ARCHIE PIROLLI

COAL REGION: Joe Brady, your former and capable correspondent for the "Coal Region" in THE RING, is now matchmaker for the Bridgeport Sporting Club in Connecticut. Brady has lots of friends in the boxing business and will make a success. This writer will cover this section from now on.

After a brief tour of the Coal Region, your correspondent found little action in the promotional field. Lack of talent seems to be the main reason.

Danny Myers, new promoter of the Keystone Club in Harrisburg, got off to a good start in his initial show and was well satisfied with the attendance. He will continue to run semi-monthly. Myers promoted boxing there twenty years ago, and since then has been active in running amateur shows.

Here's what we found in our tour of the Coal Regions. No shows have been held since the indoor season started at Lancaster, Allentown, Tamaqua, Reading or Hazleton. In York, amateur shows are being staged. At Wilkes-Barre and Williamsport monthly shows are being staged. George Unis is active and trying to arrange shows for Hazleton and Tamaqua.

Results: Harrisburg, Nov. 26—Tarzan defeated Harvey Massey, 10 rounds.

Results: Dec. 3rd—Wilkes-Barre—Bill Speary and Jimmy Hatcher drew, 10 rounds.

Atlantic City, Nov. 28—Mayon Padlo stopped Buddy Holmes, in one; Henry Allen defeated Frankie Willis, six rounds; Joe Belfiore stopped Sammy Bocelli, T.K.O. in 4.

Atlantic City, Nov. 21—Leon Hare stopped Tony Fernandez, two rounds.

Camden, N. J., Nov. 13—Willie Pavlovich won over Jimmy Gardner, eight; Johnny Myhasuk and Nap Mitchell drew, six rounds; Al Tribiani defeated Young Kid Chocolate, six; Jack Sheppard defeated Angelo Pantellas, six; Al Pummell defeated Hubert Samuels, four.

Camden, N. J., Nov. 8—George Miller drew with Tony Cisco, eight rounds; Eddie Allen defeated Angelo Pantellas, eight; Jack Sheppard won from Charlie Collins, six.

Wilmington, Del.—Local promoters have yet to start their indoor season . . . . Lou Brooks and Al Tribiani are good local cards.

HERE, THERE AND EVERYWHERE—Saw a promising star at Joe Wenke's opening show at the Cambria in Philly. The lad is Joe Belfiore, a lightweight . . . . "Fats" Garry and Jim Scott are doing a good job at the Convention Hall, Camden . . . . Bob Montgomery, the leading lightweight contender, is a credit to boxing . . . . One of the hardest punchers in the welterweight class today is Mayon Padlo . . . . remember this name. Henry Allen, heavyweight and former amateur champion . . . . he will be among the heavyweight topnotchers soon . . . . Matt Adgie, Philly referee, is doing a splendid job and is one of the smartest.

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MARYLAND AND WASHINGTON
By NATE PHILLIPS

THE Century A. C. had Pedro Hernandez and Tommy Forte hook up in the main go set for ten rounds, but in the very first round a left hook sent Forte down for the count, with Hernandez the winner with the same punch that had Bartolo on the floor. The added bout of ten rounds between Johnny Kapovich and Lou Brooks stole the show. The week before Brooks knocked out Kappy in the first, and the club added this return bout to the Forte-Hernandez show as an added attraction. What a bout this turned out to be! In the second, Kappy went down for a count of seven, and it looked like Brooks would have another early K.O. but Kappy came back in the next few rounds to turn the tide and have Brooks on the run. In the eighth, a left hook and a right to the jaw had Kappy down again and he was counted out. It was a furious mill.

The semi-windup of eight rounds saw Baltimore's Deacon Johnny Brown continue his winning streak. He was an easy winner over Pete Muscarnera. In a supporting six, Pee Wee Lewis conceded his opponent, Baby Flores, ten pounds to win the duke over his much heavier foe. Lewis scaled 117, Flores 127.

At the Century Club's weekly offering Jimmy Leto and Slugger White hooked up in a main go set for 12 rounds, in a return bout. White won the first one. In this fight, White set a very fast pace which Leto could not keep up with and in the sixth Leto was sent sprawling through the ropes and just got up as the bell sounded. In the eighth, he went through again, rolled back into the ring but was counted out.

The six round semi saw Kid Alexandria get the nod over Pee Wee Lewis. In the secondary six, Al Tribuani pounded out a win over Taylor Miller. In the opening six Johnny Finnazzo and Buddy White battled to a draw. Leto 144½, White 139.

At the Century Club, Gus Dorazio hooked up with Buddy Walker in the main go of ten rounds. Dorazio scaled 191½, Walker 200½. After an even first round, Gus opened up a comfortable lead, and his weaving and bobbing made him a bad target for Walker, with the result that Dorazio was declared the winner at the end of a very hard fought battle. The semi-final set for eight rounds saw Johnny Brown continue his winning streak. He won via a T.K.O. in the first round over Larry Kellum. Al Cortez and Phil Enzenga hooked up in a six, with Phil reversing the last decision and getting the nod over Cortez.

In another six, Johnny Finnazzo and Lou Dundee matched wits. When it was all over, Lou received a tough break when the official decision was announced as a draw. In the opening six, Gene Johnson, outweighing Tony Paoli by about 16 pounds, stopped his much lighter foe in the third.

FISTIANA ALLEY: Izzy Silbert would like to contact Jackie Hatcher, now with Uncle Sam's naval forces . . . . Johnny Brown is on the way to top billing . . . . Lou Rose is now a fight manager . . . . Lou Brooks is finding it hard to get going for lack of opponents . . . . Al Tribuani looked impressive in his Baltimore debut . . . . Joe Wallace is keeping his boys busy in out of town rings . . . . The writer will answer all letters, providing they have stamped, self addressed envelopes . . . . The address is 3 Fallsway, Baltimore, Md.

A new club with the name of Baltimore Boxing Club, with George Brown as the promoter, and Jack Laken doing the matchmaking opened its first show with Julie Kogon and Mike Evans in the main go of ten rounds. Evans was declared the winner. The secondary ten saw Willie Reddish pound out an easy win over Stomping Bob Smith. In a supporting eight, Vinnie Vines won over Al Franklin who held on through most of the eight rounds. In the opening eight Norman Rubio won over Hershey Kid Chocolate after the Kid took a wicked body beating. Bob Garcia, Jr., son of the old Mexican Wildcat Bob Garcia, opened his pro ring career with a K.O. over Robert Taylor in the first.

Another new club makes its bow to Baltimore fans when the Harlem A. C. opened with the first show, having King Kong and Al Blake, both local heavyweights, as the principals. The fans were treated to one of the greatest heavyweight brawls seen anywhere, as this fight was a natural grudge match if there ever was one. Both of these boys were under the same manager, and when one was lined up for a bout, the other would get peeved and vice versa, with the result that these two boys were at dagger points with each other. Blake bought his contract back, and this match was made by the promoter, and billed as a grudge fight, and such it was. Blake was declared the winner at the end of 10 hot sessions. The six round semi-windup saw Ernie Calhoun get the nod over Willie Roach. The secondary six saw Al Cortez and Manuel Rosa hook up in a slam bang battle with Cortez getting the nod. The opening six saw Sergt. Ira Johnson stop George Spears in the fourth.

RHODE ISLAND NEWS
By DANNY NARDI

HARRY JEFFRA, ex-bantamweight and featherweight champ from Maryland, met up with and defeated Joey Archibald, of Pawtucket, R. I., also an ex two-time title-holder of the featherweight crown, for the fourth in their respective boxing careers, at the Rhode Island Auditorium, before a payed gathering of 2500 people, who let the turnstiles click to the merry tune of a gross gate of $3824.70. Harry by winning this bout, evened up the score with Joey, and now the results show two wins for each. With the aid of Jack Dempsey in his corner as chief second, Harry took a unanimous 10-round decision in an action packed bout, featuring punching and good boxing from both boys. The bout started with Joey setting the early pace and winning the first round, also opening cuts on Harry's left eyebrow and left cheek in this early stage of the bout. Jeffra came back, to take the second, lose the third, and then by his sharper boxing and lustier punching went on to win all but one of the remaining rounds, the seventh, which Joey took, by virtue of his good solid punching. The decision was a popular one with Harry making a hit with local fight fans. Jeffra scaled 128, and Joey 126¼.

The eight-round semi-final, brought together Jimmy "Kidd" Hatcher, South Carolina featherweight and newest addition to Al Weill's stable and Irish Jimmy Gilligan, of Buffalo favorite of local fight fans. Hatcher, a good boxer, won going away. Hatcher weighed 130¼ and Gilligan 127¾.

In the other scheduled eight-rounder, Tony Almeida of Bristol one of the better looking prospects, added another kayo to his long list of victims, when he put away Jackie Adair, middleweight from Plainfield, N. J., in the fourth round. Adair after an even first round could not keep away from his heavier hitting opponent, went down three times in the second and two more times in the third and failed to answer the bell for the opening of the fourth round. Tony weighed 161, and Jackie 166½.

The six-round opening bout, saw Al Bojack, 149½, of Central Falls, R. I., win an easy decision over Billy Wilson, 146, of Providence, R. I.

Howell King, top ranking middleweight from Detroit, now fighting out of Providence, pounded Joey Macedon, a veteran of 10 years of ring warfare, to gain the unanimous 10-round decision of the referee and judges. In the main go, staged at Infantry Hall in Providence, R. I., Joey who was more than just an ordinary campaigner a few years back, was outclassed all the way, and although never in danger of being kayoed, all Joey had to show was an iron jaw and a great fighting heart. King at 155½ had a two pound pull in the weights.

The six-round semi-final showed the talk of local cauliflower row, Ernie Forte, 18-year-old undefeated Italian youngster from Providence, and one of the best prospects to be seen locally in many, many years, win over that rough, tough, young colored welterweight from Boston, Mass., Chic Tuggles. Ernie left jabbed his way to a clean cut victory over the willing Chic, who was always dangerous, but not effective against his smarter opponent. This was Ernie's 15th straight win as a pro and his record now shows, seven kayoes, eight decisions, no draws and no losses. Keep up the good record kid. Incidentally, readers, young Mr. Forte was chosen as the best welterweight prospect of the month, in the January issue, of this great publication, THE RING Magazine.

In the other scheduled six rounder, Star Harvey, 182, Hartford, Conn., won via T.K.O., over Abel Gonsalves, 180, of Saylesville, R. I., former light-heavyweight amateur champ of New England. The bout was a punching bee from start to finish with Abel calling it a night at the end of the fifth round.

In the top four rounder of the evening Nat Canatta, 148, of Providence, who is also undefeated and who will eventually clash with Ernie Forte, for the welterweight supremacy of the state, also keeps rolling merrily along and made it 12 straight by kayoing Guy Vezzulla, tough punching 150-pounder from Boston, Mass. The bout was fast and furious with Nat putting his opponent to sleep in the second round by means of a left hook to the stomach followed by a fast straight right hand to the button.

The opener of the evening saw Gene Farland, 154, of Cranston, R. I., kayo Billy Napier, 142, of Boston, Mass., in the third round of a scheduled four.

If any RING readers want a good list of fighter's names and addresses, send me 25 cents in cash or money order and I will mail to you my Fighters' Directory. Write to Danny Nardi, 185 Beaufort Street, Providence, R. I.

Jimmy D'Ambra, who promoted successfully in New Bedford, Mass., last winter is now back in his home town and is staging bouts weekly, and is showing local fight fans some good talent at Infantry Hall in his home city of Providence.

Bobby Zollo, young amateur feather protege of Bobby Viti, came home with the Golden Glove crown in an amateur tournament staged in Boston.

Sgt. Martin Taber back in town on a furlough from the army, looking better than ever. Martin before his induction in the army was a very popular and good boxing feather in local fight arenas. Martin keeps active in camp and is a boxing instructor.

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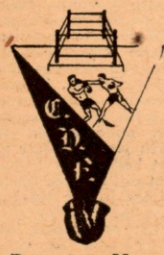

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At Billings, Mont.—Ray Isaacs, 133, Minneapolis' veteran, fractured his left hand and lost on a technical knockout to young Eddie Lander, 132, Chicago, in the seventh. It was Isaacs' fifth straight loss.

Wally Holm, promising young Mill City lightweight, and Denver Maier, formerly of Maiden Rock, Wis., and now of Redwood Falls, Minn., were rated Best Prospect of the Month in December RING in their respective divisions. Maier is a light-heavy and still in the amateur ranks.

Walk into a packing house in South St. Paul, and you'll find present and past day athletic stars galore—all the way from baseball players, race-track drivers, football heros, boxers, and jockeys to track stars. Among the cauliflower talent working for Swift & Co., there is Emmett Weller, present state lightweight king; Warren Weller, middleweight brother of Emmett; Buddy Gomer, St. Paul middleweight, a star in the making; Norm Smythe, former Y.M.C.A. amateur 160-pound star; Tom Sperling, Golden Gloves featherweight ace from Hinckley; Irish Kennedy, once a tough welter a decade ago; Bob Devoraerux, ex-amateur, a brother of Irish; Jim Nitti, ex-St. Paul amateur feather, a brother of Jack Nitti, ex-pro lightie; Gene Rossi, former Suburban 165-pound champ, and Big Al Sczepanski, ten years ago a heavyweight youngster. At Armour and Co., they have George "X" Eckstein, former heavyweight puncher, and Paul Merriman, once a tough "cookie." . . . . Stan Savoldi, ex-St. Paul heavyweight brother of Lee Savold, is a police watchman at Swift & Co., while Joe Reiter, ex-welterweight amateur, is employed by Swift's also . . . . Governor Harold E. Stassen appointed Dr. Cyril M. Smith of Duluth to a place on the state boxing commission. Dr. Smith succeeds Herbert Grant, also of Duluth, who is leaving the state.

Russ Wasser, former Minneapolis heavy who once upset Harry Thomas, is an assistant to Boxing Coach Tommy Dixon at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri . . . . The Military Police Co., Sixth Division, there, boasts of Corp. William "Ikey" Ykema, who is to be the next heavyweight champ of the Sixth Division. Ykema hails from Madelia, Minn., and is a "find," though he is a crude, clumsy farmer boy with a heart of iron, an abundance of courage and quick at picking up pointers, according to Instructor Dixon. He is 22.

ARMY NOTES—Rapidly mounting in numbers are Minnesota pugs now in the service of Uncle Sam. Those we know of now include Johnny Hanschen, Kid Solters, Tom Shaughnessy, Louis Bell, Erwin Schwab, Tony Yates, "Ikey" Ykema, Don Brouillard, Clyde Rasley, James Gomer, Worth London, Johnny O'Hara, and Bobby Marshall and Russ Wasser. Hanschen and Marshall are instructors, and Bell is going great guns at the Naval Air Base in Hawaii. Bob O'Hara is a soldier too.

Kelly Ward, Max Winter's promising state light-heavy champ who has campaigned successfully here the past two years, is in New York where he will be handled by Ray Arcel.

Duluth, Nov. 4—Charley Parham, 137, Milwaukee newcomer, scored a surprise seven round technical kayo over Billy Smith, 137, clever Minneapolis southpaw veteran, over a ticketed eight round main attraction.

In the six-round semi, Buzz Brown, 147, fast-punching St. Paul Negro, blasted out a two-round kayo (technical) over Al Evans, 145, St. Cloud slugger. In fours, Gus Pappas, 146, Duluth, reversed a previous decision over tough Indian Ernie Peters, 145, Morton southpaw, while Karl Malm, 190, Park Rapids, handed the much-heralded Lou Chumich, 260, Duluth, his first pro defeat, and a newcomer, Sandy Senarighi, 147, Duluth, made his pro debut with a three heat knockout of Freddy Arnold, 150, Sioux City. Parham, in winning, scored his 25th kayo in 28 fights, so the kid must be the goods!

Emmett Weller, state lightweight champ, tells me he will retire from the ring after 10 years of service this winter. Emmett now weighs 149. Weller, Diamond Belt winner in the early thirties, is now 26 . . . . Billy McCabe, former St. Paul lightweight, is a salesman in the men's department at the Golden Rule . . . . Billy Colbert, rotund, cigar-smoking matchmaker and manager and Harry "Spike" McCarthy, former manager and second, are employed at the New Brighton defense project . . . . . Tommy Haval, popular pug of yesteryear, is at Stransky's bar and recreation on W. 7th Street . . . . Joe Stepka, a promising 16-year-old welter amateur from St. Paul's Rice Street, is a coming star in the fistic world. The kid can be seen working with seasoned amateurs at the C.Y.C.

FLASHES—The "Freddy Arnold of Sioux City" who fought on the last Duluth pro card turns out to be Ken Corbett, St. Paul amateur . . . . Ray Killa, tough Rice Street amateur lightweight, will enter Golden Glove competition this year . . . . Buzz Brown's brother is a good amateur lightweight . . . . Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year to all.

MAIL BAG—To Barney Bogan of Quitaque, Texas—Hold on a little while and I'll see what I can do for you. Write to George Sheppard of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Duluth, Nov. 25—Charley Parham, 144, sensational Milwaukee Negro, scored a three-round T.K.O. over a tired and bewildered trial horse in Dick Demaray, 148, veteran Bismarck southpaw, in the eight round feature. It was Parham's 26th kayo in 29 fights!

In the six-round semi, Gus Pappas, 150, Duluth, reversed a previous draw with a four-round T.K.O. over Don McLeod, 154, also of Duluth. In fours, Indian Ernie Peters, 147, Morton southpaw, and Buzz Brown, 145, fought a draw. Brown is a fast-punching St. Paul Negro. Karl Malm, 191, Park Rapids behemoth, again stopped Johnny McCarthy, 185, Stone Lake, Wis., this time in one heat. In the opener, George Chumich, 165, Duluth, a brother of heavyweight Lou, and Billy Algaard, 165, Morton, made their pro debuts, with Chumich a kayo victor in one round.

KANSAS CITY AND VICINITY
By MAX YEARGAIN

AN all star professional boxing show fell through at Topeka, November 20, when Army officials at Fort Riley disagreed which of their boys would headline the card. The Army boxers scheduled to show in the top bouts were "Bingo" Bassett, Paul Klang and Eddie O'Leary.

Civilian boxers managed by Troy Sheffield of the Sheffield Steel Corp., of Kansas City, turned down other dates to fulfill this card. Those boys were Chino Lopez, Harry Mills and Jackie Simmons.

Capper's broadcasting station, WIBW, had made arrangements to broadcast the main event. Mr. Elmer Curtis, popular Kansas radio announcer, had spent some time on the arrangement of the station's time to give the boxing bouts 45 minutes on the air for the main event.

It is things like this that knock boxing on the head.

Wrestling is on the boom in the middlewest with Wichita drawing capacity crowds. Several thousand fans saw titlist Roy Dunn clash with Ignacio Martinez, rugged Spaniard at the Forum in Wichita, the bout ending in a riot.

At Topeka, the Swedish Angel, Phillip Olofsson packed them to the rafters in the new Municipal Auditorium with Ignacio Martinez, in another riot. The fans, ushers and police stopping the river front brawl.

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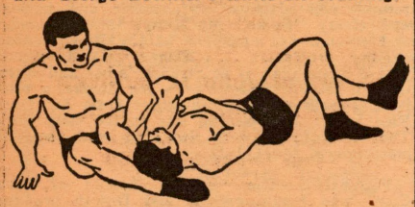

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PHILADELPHIA NOTES

By NAT FRANK

As the year 1941 passed out of the picture, we got to thinking of some fistic highlights we witnessed and are passing on to you.

1—When Bob "Bobcat" Montgomery came within a split second of knocking out lightweight champion Lew Jenkins under the arc lights at Shibe Park here last summer.

2—When Tommy Forte had the bantamweight championship of the world within his grasp only to be beaten out by the defending title-holder. Lou Salica, in the grandest finish we ever saw. Salica, with one eye completely closed, surged on to win the final rounds to successfully retain his laurels.

3—When Ray "Sugar" Robinson spilled Sammy Angott, N.B.A. lightweight ruler, but lack of experience saved the Louisville slugger from being a victim of the Harlemite's knockout wallops.

4—When Mayon Padlo belted out Johnny Barbara, Chicago clouter, in one heat. It took only two punches to put the finisher on the Windy City walloper to score one of the quickest knockouts in local ring history.

5—When Bill Speary electrified the audience by slipping a sleep-producing wallop on Spider Armstrong, after the latter had Speary on deck in an early round.

SUCCESS OF 1941—Our nomination for this halo is no other than Herman Taylor, ace promoter in the Keystone State and only number two as the foremost boxing impresario in the universe. Taylor has earned his spurs in the business of supplying matches to the public. He never has spared expense in bringing the cream of talent; he never attempted to bring in lopsided battles; he never tried to insult the intelligence of the fight fans; he never raised the prices of admission; he never broke his word to the fans, the fighters, the commission and to the sports writers and sports casters. Herman Taylor promises even greater fistic extravaganzas for 1942. Taylor certainly merits his high niche in the boxing promotional field.

THINGS WE DIDN'T KNOW UNTIL NOW IN THE BOXING FIELD (WITH APOLOGIES TO WALTER WINCHELL)—

Philadelphia holds the record of having more fighting brothers than any other city. The Moore family had five battlers doing ring duty. They were Reddy, Pal, Willie, Al and Baby Moore.

Herman Taylor, who gained his schooling as a promoter from the late "Diamond Lew" Bailey at the old Broadway A. C., served as a one man office staff for Bailey, but it was Herman Taylor who promoted the FINAL SHOW there way back in October of 1917.

This city, which yelled loud and long at not having any world champions in their midst, lays claim to having had as many, if not more title-holders than any other city. There were Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, Battling Levinsky and Tommy Loughran, light-heavyweights; Harry Lewis, welterweight; Johnny Jadick, junior welterweight; and Benny Bass, junior lightweight and featherweight.

Two of the oldest boxing promotional partnerships were terminated when each of them lost their partners through death. The late Johnny Burns carried on at the Cambria after Jim "Pop" Feeney passed on; while Herman Taylor is promoting alone since Bobby Gunnis died.

The City of Brotherly Love has given to the boxing world more southpaw fistmen than any other city in the world. To name a few we had Lew Tendler, Harry Blitman, Jack Gross, Al Gordon, Danny Kramer, Bobby Burman, Young M'Cartney, Johnny Willetts, Frankie Saia, Frankie Kramer, Tony Morgano, Pussey Walker and Billy Angelo.

Silent Jakie Freedman Broadcasting:—"Keep your eyes open and ears peeled on Eddie Brickner, the fightingest knockerout that has ever been developed in these parts in many years. Brickner, fresh out of the amateurs and Uncle Sam's Army, is a welterweight but he packs the wallop of a heavyweight. This is the same Eddie Brickner who ran rough shod over all the amateur opposition, winning all of his battles by knockout. Right now I wouldn't be afraid to match him with any of the so-called second class welterweights. I also predict that in less than a year he will be in there fighting for the world championship."

Harry Zaslow is being flooded with offers for his Coast Guardsman heavyweight, Johnny Myhasuk. This popular mentor also manages to keep the rest of his stable fighting regularly. Freddy Domico has proved himself a first class mitt slinger. Johnny Carter is the best of local middleweights while Bull Santos is coming along in the light-heavyweight class.

Mike Evans, elongated lightweight, has been going like a house afire lately. This classy warrior, who handily defeated Slugger White and Julie Kogon in his last two starts, believes that he is entitled to be rated up there with the front runners in the 135-pound division. In fact, his manager, the popular Jack Puggy, wants to prove to the world at large that Evans is capable of dethroning Lew Jenkins from his lightweight perch or polishing off Freddy "Red" Cochrane from the welterweight throne.

Johnny Hutchinson, long an absentee from these parts, is back home and wants to exchange glove-encased fists with the best of them in the lightweight ranks. "Hutch" has seen action in Australia, New Zealand and the South Sea Islands. His most recent bouts took place on the West Coast. Frankie Thomas, manager of Bob "Bobcat" Montgomery, will also manage Hutchinson.

Johnny Nujanos, ex-LaSalle College all sports luminary, has made a change for the better in managers. Nujanos, who has been idle for quite a spell, feels that he will go places now that his guiding hand will be the popular Frankie "Blink" Palermo. The former collegian is now a full fledged heavyweight. Whitey Bimstein will have charge of this fistman's conditioning.

And in conclusion may this wish,
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ARKANSAS FLASHES

By CLYDE SMITH

HARRY WEEKLY, 143, New Orleans, outpointed Bobby Britton, 146, Miami, Fla., in ten; Leo Rodak, 135, of Chicago, outpointed Guy Serean, 132, of Boise Idaho, in ten; Ruben Shank, 148, Boise Idaho, outpointed Cosby Linson, 146, of New Orleans, in ten rounds.

Santos Migliore, 126, T.K.O.'ed Darse Robertson, 131, in six, cut eye.

Nov. 25—Bobby Ruffin, 137, of New York, outpointed Ritchie Fontaine, 135, of Missoula, Mont., ten rounds; Dudley De Jean, 137, outpointed Sammy Musco, 134, in six; Sailor White, 175, kayoed Johnny Commack, 180, in one; Catfish Bourgeois, 127, outpointed Sal Milazzo, 128, in four; Prince Farley, 124, outpointed Joe Links, 126, in four rounds.

Dec. 1—Leo Rodak, 134, of Chicago, outpointed Joe Peralta, 133, of Tamaqua, Pa., in ten rounds; Ruben Shank, 148, of Boise, Idaho, knocked out Bobby Berger, 145, of Chicago, in three; Dudley De Jean, 135, won over Young Jackie Allen, 129, of Chicago, in six; Douglas Berlier, 152, knocked out Mel Serrato, 149, in two; Joe Links, 117, won over Prince Farley, 115, in four.

HERE 'N' THERE—Ralph Henderson of Comanche, Okla., has taken on Sweeney Byers, middleweight . . . . Lou Nova, Max Baer and Davy Day were visitors at Hot Springs . . . . Last bell, T. B. "Trigger" Holt, Fayetteville, Ark., businessman and former professional boxer, died of pneumonia . . . . Ragon Kinney of Hartman, National A.A.U. heavyweight boxing champion, is working with a "surveyors' gang" at Camp Chaffee, Fort Smith . . . . Back during the days of World War No. 1, a letter was received by Billy Kramer from a heavyweight who wanted a part on one of Kramer's boxing shows in old Camp Pike. That fighter was Gene Tunney. The letter is still in Kramer's possession . . . . First man kayoed by Gene Tunney lives at North Little Rock, Bob Pearcy, who boxed under the name of Bob Pierce. The record book discloses that Tunney knocked out Bob Pierce in the second round, Dec. 29, 1919, in Jersey City . . . . Hot Springs will start winter boxing with Dr. R. D. Ackerman in charge . . . . El Dorado and Hot Springs plans have been completed for the Golden Glove under the Boys' Club . . . . 200 participating in boxing tournament at Arkansas Tech, Russellville . . . . Henry Levy, North Little Rock promoter, announced that the bout between Bob Sikes and Neville Beech had been postponed indefinitely . . . . On a wrestling card held at Pine Bluff, Robert Mustachia, 117, won over Eugene McGehee, 117, in three rounds.

AROUND NEW ORLEANS, LA—Guy Serean and Manager McKenna left for Los Angeles . . . . Cosby Linson and Jack Russo are "feuding" . . . . The "word" is that Frank Baggott would like to get the contract of Linson . . . . Jake Graffagnini is in training again . . . . New Orleans now has three promoters, Lew Raymond bringing in some very good boys; Emile Bruneau doing a very good job, and Lou Ovalasiti, who has the tops on all colored bouts.

Yours truly has taken on Paul "Tennessee" Lee, of Indianapolis, Ind., and will book him through Texas and Arkansas.

I also have Johnny Nihart of Portales, N. Mex., an amateur lightweight with 65 fights, losing only four. Nihart will turn pro. Keep an eye out for this young fellow; he's definitely a comer.

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COVERING NEW ENGLAND
By MARK FANNON

MECHANICS BLDG.—"Lefty" Young, the fighting Marine, left no doubt as to the winner in his return go with Eddie Ellis. Ellis took no chances this time—boxed on the defensive and used all the experience he had to dodge the portside weapon of the Marine. The Quincy lad was continually on the defensive, showing visible respect for Young's punching power. It was nowhere as exciting as the less than a round of their previous battle, due to Ellis' change of style. Young forced the fighting throughout, landed what damaging blows that were struck, and walked off with all eight rounds.

Howell King, 153, Springfield, fought eight exciting cantos with Milo Theodorescu, 156¼, New York, a sub for Leonard Bennett, and won the split decision. Milo had a previous win over King but the colored lad gave a flashy display of fighting to wipe out the defeat. The former Rumanian concert violinist didn't have time to "fiddle" around, but was in tune enough to make it close all the way. A cut over the eye in the fourth handicapped Theodorescu and the referee was in constant watch to see whether to stop the fray. King pumped a steady left into the features of Milo, while the Rumanian flashed brilliantly in spots to make the fight always in doubt.

Al Sforza, the North End Windmill, added Young Dyson of New Bedford to his list, after a thrilling scrap. Sighs could be heard all over the hall, after Al had landed a roundhouse right that put away Dyson for keeps.

Johnny Smith, 160, Quincy, out of the ring for a year and a half, battled Jimmy Hayden, 158, Hartford, a tough colored lad, six rounds to a draw.

Mechanics Bldg.—Ted Lowry, New Bedford puncher, came to Boston billed as a kayo artist, boasting a kayo record as long as your arm. But apparently Vince Pimpinella, his opponent—formerly of Brooklyn but now at Fort Ethan Allen—hadn't seen his record.

Pimpinella, weighing 174, was too cagey for the colored lad. Vince made Ted lead—would back out of range and then counter with both hands to the body. Vince knew too much boxing for Lowry; made him fight his way, and tied up Lowry's hard blows. Lowry always forced but landed few effective blows, while Pimpinella, though not hitting with the whaler's force, poked both hands continually to pile up points. For his efforts after eight rounds, Pvt. Pimpinella was rewarded with a draw.

Larry Kellum, the Joe Palooka of the ring, took on John Henry Eskew, 165, fast growing colored lad of Brockton in another eight. Eskew, long absent from ring warfare, was not up to par and missed a lot of blows—couldn't seem to find suitable openings. We must admit Kellum is a hard boy to fight. His style, too, is much like Eskew's. Both are long range fighters and when they came in close the action stopped. Kellum did a lot of bluffing and tricked Eskew in doing a lot of things, but even so seemed to have landed the most blows, plus the fact that he was the aggressor. Kellum got the nod but it didn't seem he earned it.

In the third eight-rounder, Honey Mellody of Charlestown cut Mexican Joey Rivers' eye so badly it had to be stopped in the sixth. Sailor Freddie Cochrane, looking neat in his uniform, refereed this match.

New Bedford—In a bout billed as for the N. E. title, Ted Lowry, 172, this city, chilled Roy Kelly, 172, Brookline, a former amateur champion and once a cagey performer, in the third. Former heavyweight champion Jack Sharkey was the referee.

Danny Nobrega, 152, New Bedford, whipped Mal Smallwood of Boston in six rounds. Abel Gonsalves, 179, Central Falls, R. I., won the decision over Red Montoya, Boston soldier.

Mechanics Bldg.—A better conditioned, stronger and smarter blond giant called Johnny Shkor, won his return bout with Jim Robinson of Philadelphia. There was no doubt as to the winner this time and the two extra rounds only made it sadder for Robinson.

Shkor got the jump on his foe right away and kept on top of Jim, working both hands with tremendous power to head and body. Both received cuts over the eyes.

Robinson started well, won the third and again showed more power in the seventh, but didn't seem to have the pep of their last go—although he was always dangerous and landed scores of solid smashes.

In the sixth it looked like the end of Mr. Robinson. Shkor cornered Jim and punched short lefts and rights that shook and jarred the Philly gamester and finally dropped him, dazed and weak. Shkor continued his two-fisted attack as soon as Robinson got up, dropped him again after more savage blows. Robinson managed to weather the storm—a fighting heart carried him on. The crowd of more than 4,000—the largest yet—gave both boys a great hand.

Boston fans got a glimpse of Joe Matesi, 200, Binghamton, N. Y., in the semi-final. His opponent, Armand Roy of Manchester, N. H., didn't furnish much opposition, though. After playing around for a round and a half, Joe found his opening, shot over a right with bullet speed, and Roy was all through. Matesi is the former football star.

Sal Cesario, North End strong man, scored his best win to date in stopping Johnny Smith, Quincy, in the third. Johnny went in the ring with a bum right mitt, which he favored throughout, and was putting up a good battle until the referee stopped the bout because of Johnny's cut eye.

Larry Pacino, handsome, colorful, terrific hitting middleweight of Roxbury, kayoed Al Evans of Newport, R. I., in the second. Pacino, whose blows travel but a few inches, is a nifty boy to see in action.

"Sailor" Misko, Coast Guard, and Sam Shumway, 172, Webster, hit each other with everything but the seats, in as savage a battle as anyone would care to see. Fans were standing on their seats as first one then the other would smash his foe to the canvas. Misko, the greener but sturdier of the two, put Shumway away for good in the third. This was a return bout with Misko also winning the first by kayo.

Jesse Owens, N. S. Navy, 200, colored, won the four-round nod over Dave Horblitt, West End, 190. Horblitt, making his first pro showing, found out too late that the colored lad didn't like them in the mid-section.

Lynn—Bill Weinberg, Chelsea's gift to the heavyweight division, beat Mike Alfano of New York in 10 frames. Patsy Fanti, Lynn, stopped Frankie Morgan, Manchester, N. H., in four. Al Luciano, Lynn strong boy, whipped Young Dyson of New Bedford in six.

Worcester—Waddell Washington, 159, Springfield, took on the best fighter of his career and after 10 sessions was given a draw over veteran Harvey Massey of New Orleans. Jack Capparell, dependable Boston middleweight, won over Jackie Parker, Worcester's best boy in eight. Joe Gans, 153, Willimantic, Ct., trounced Leo Sawicki, Worcester, in six.

Fall River—Slugger White returned to his former home, fresh from a kayo victory over Jimmy Leto, and disposed of Terry Norman, 142, Detroit, in the fourth. A body attack did the trick.

Red Priest, Cambridge, beat Eddie Saunders, 148, of New York, in the six-round semi-final. Frankie Topazio, 129, Bristol, halted Eddie McHale, Boston, in the fourth.

RING NOTES: Matchmaker Billy Burns still keeps going at Fitchburg . . . . Jimmy Davis beat Tony Celli of New York, and Jimmy Hayden, Hartford, flattened Sam Shumway, in the semi-final, in his last show . . . . Kidd Hatcher fought in Providence and won the nod over Jimmy Gilligan . . . . Cocoa Kid gave his pupil, Freddie Camuso, a lesson in boxing, to capture every session by a mile, at Fall River . . . . Coley Welch showed why he is a real fighter by seeing the chance and crushing Izzy Jannazzo to defeat . . . . Floriant Desmarais beat Bobby Allard in the top bout of Lowell's first pro show in 20 years . . . . Leo Dulmaine whipped his best opponent of his career in taking Tommy Spiegal at Worcester, but lost some of the glory by being trounced 10 days later at Newark by Freddie Archer . . . . Bobby Ivy returned to the wars after too long an absence . . . . fought a draw with Abe Kaufman at Bridgeport.

Something happens to Mike Kaplan when he is facing good fortune . . . . His handlers claim he had a bum leg and kept it a secret . . . . thus the loss to Young Kid McCoy . . . . Eddie Dolan is still undefeated this year . . . . Stopped Eddie Guerra at Waterbury in his last . . . . Mickey Canty's first appearance in New York shows him registering a kayo over Gregory Hildalgo . . . . Howell King easily took Jay Macedon into camp at Providence . . . . Thanks to Doc Almy for saying good things about THE RING Magazine in his column in the *Post* . . . . Mike Jacobs sent down scouts to look over the Shkor-Robinson clash . . . . Andy Martin, one of the smartest featherweights ever developed in Boston, fought but 12 bouts in that city . . . . Still weighs 126, and not a mark on him . . . . Has saved some of his earnings and has a home in Quincy . . . . Fought all over the world with Petey Sarron . . . . In answer to several publications stating that Andy is making a comeback, he claims this is false . . . . His ring days are over, although he looks fit to take them on at the moment . . . . Vernon Cromier, Worcester's crack featherweight of a few years ago, is promoting at Worcester . . . . The Cove A. C. ended its weekly shows . . . . Plan to resume some time later . . . . Joe Lynch, former RING writer from Texas, and world traveler, who has managed such boys as Bert Jones, Walter Butler, Connie Josenio, Cowboy Jack Dillon and Kid Gilbert, is in the market to handle a couple of promising lads . . . . Joe can be reached through the writer at 7 Follen St., Boston . . . . Al McCoy is refereeing wrestling matches.

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IN SYRACUSE RINGS
By BILLY SHAW

BILLY CONN vs. Ralph De John. A local natural, and a fight that would pull $25,000 if Promoter Henny Andrews can close it. De John is returning to the fistic fold and is already in training. With Ralph in a serious mood and conditioning faithfully, such a match would break all records upstate. Andrews informs this pillar he is angling for the bout and whether he gets this one or not, De John is certain to be kept busy, for Ralph is the biggest box-office draw in this section, having proved it every time he topped a show here. De John has had an up-and-down career in out-of-town rings but has always shown a lot of class and color in his local outings. In shape, there are few better light-heavyweights than De John.

Andrews plans a full winter season of boxing here. He is working on some top-notch matches at his office in the S. A. and K. building. Henny has made several trips to New York during the past month and indications are they are bearing fruit.

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STRAIGHT FROM THE SHOULDER . . . . Lou Ambers, former lightweight king, made a tremendous hit as guest referee for an amateur card sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars at Fulton . . . . Lou handled the A.A.U. scrappers like a veteran third man and can go back to Fulton anytime . . . . Jerry Monohan, Buffalo mat mogul, wants to bring his grunters and groaners here, but doesn't like the high overhead at the Coliseum . . . . The local promotorial group is reported to be working on the purchase of a huge downtown building, which would be converted into a fight and wrestling arena . . . . Movies of Jack Dempsey's fights with Carpentier, Sharkey, Firpo and others are drawing well in the tank towns . . . . Irv Robbins has a good prospect in Stan Edwards, Negro middleweight, who kayoes heavyweights . . . . Robbins' boy has scored 19 consecutive knockouts in the amateurs . . . . Two boys who would make a hit anywhere in the pro game are Billy Furrone, crack local welterweight, and Joey Kushner, slam-bang featherweight . . . . Johnny Pascalides, Greek heavyweight, is training here, having been imported from Florida by Nick Julian . . . . Pascalides was born in New York City and later moved to Albany where he attended high school . . . . He looks great in the gym, and may go places with the right handling . . . . Jackie Brady has opened one of the finest gymnasiums in the country . . . . Jackie calls it the Central A. C., and it is located at 620 South Salina Street.

Babe Amos has been officiating as referee for Fulton amateur bouts . . . . Newest third man is Chuck Nareski, another former bruiser, who shows real promise . . . . Benny Arnold, Jordan welterweight, has hung up the gloves after a sensational start as a pro during which he went on a kayo rampage . . . . Benny only lost one, and that to Wild Bill Corrigan in Buffalo, which took him out of circulation for the time being . . . . Joe Gannon has returned to Chicago . . . . The Windy City middleweight never got started here as a pro . . . . Local boxing has been absent from the sports calendar the past month, but we expect to have plenty of fistic news for you next month. Adios.

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BUFFALO, N. Y.
By HUGH SHANNON

THE Courier-Express Golden Gloves amateur boxing tournament drew 11,000 paid admissions to Memorial Auditorium, thereby setting a record for boxing at the mammoth arena. The big tourney, which was staged on Dec. 4, is the annual classic offered by Sports Editor Billy Kelly and his associates on the *Courier-Express*. Lead-up preliminary tournaments staged at the Elks club and the Eagles created more interest this year than ever and with plenty of money in circulation boxing fans naturally stormed the auditorium for the finals.

The following champions were crowned:

Lloyd Williams, heavyweight; Frankie Best, middleweight; Bob Giles, light-heavyweight; Bob Donovan, welterweight; Bob McQuillon, lightweight; Walter Kolby, featherweight; John Chimera, bantamweight; Sam Leftwich, flyweight.

Walter Kolby, a southpaw, winner of the featherweight championship, looks like the best of the lot. He does not intend to turn pro until he has had a lot more experience but many predict a brilliant future for the youthful slugger. Another interesting development was the showing made by Bob Donovan, a brother of Jackie, who won honors in the welterweight class.

Jackie Donovan, who retired from the pro ring ranks some weeks ago, is now making progress as a cartoonist and is steadfast in his determination not to don the big gloves again.

Billy Nichy was esquired by Jack Singer to McKeesport last month to fight the hard-hitting Mose Brown. Nichy made a good showing but was stopped by the Negro after a real battle. The boys will be rematched for a January date.

Wrestling continues on the boom. Maurice Tillet (The Angel) in his first Buffalo appearance of the season jammed in 9,000 excited mat fans . . . . Then came Jack Herman's program of December 5 when Joe Cox tossed Yvon Robert, Montreal star, in 35 minutes . . . . Other results on this card follow: Gus Sonnenberg threw Arthur Le Grande in jig time, 42 seconds; Earl McCready and Roland Kirchmeyer wrestled 30 minutes to a draw; John Grandowich won from Al Dunlop; Bill Watson beat Jake Patterson. Officials were: Referee, Luke Carr; judges, Art Scott and Bill Meyers; timer, Ike Klipfel; announcer, Bob Kliment. About 4000 saw the show.

Jack Herman plans to bring Bronko Nagurski here and will also show a lot of new faces after Jan. 1. Ed (Don) George, back from the political wars, will be n the thick of battle against all comers. George is the boy who can pack 'em in when matched with a well known wrestler.

AROUND THE TOWN . . . . Harry Teany, clever Cleveland lightweight, looks like a comer . . . . He is a big card in Buffalo . . . . Joe Pirrone, his stablemate, is another who is always welcome . . . . Matchmaker Charlie Murray is doing his best to rebuild the boxing game but the huge expense attached to promotion at the Auditorium makes his task difficult . . . . New faces, especially boxers who can punch, would soon make plenty of money here . . . . Buffalo is one of the key defense spots of the nation and money is rolling in to all those who want to work. The fight game is at the threshold of a tremendous boom if some real fighters appear . . . . Boxers with good records who are free from managerial contracts and entanglements should write to Hugh Shannon, Crescent A. A., 144 Wallace Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.

Bert Finch seconds some of the Cleveland stars when they come to Buffalo. It is a relief to see a man of Finch's experience handling boxers . . . . Some of the Johnny-come-latelies know little or nothing about seconding a young boxer . . . . As soon as Finch can get a few up and coming youngsters in condition, the big fellow will be active again with a stable of his own.

HERE AND THERE . . . . Dan Sweeney, former managing editor of the Buffalo *Times*, died here on Dec. 6 . . . . He was a great lover of boxing. He seldom missed a show . . . . Judge Joseph J. Kelly, mayor-elect, is another who takes in all boxing and wrestling shows . . . . Judge Kelly, by the way, won the recent election by a nice majority. He defeated Bill Fisher, president of the Council . . . . Willie K.O. Brennan, referee, is well again . . . . Willie was too rough and ready with the big wrestling men and sustained a broken ankle-bone . . . . The Elks plan amateur boxing shows weekly . . . . Frankie Schoell, one-time welter star, is working at the Memorial Auditorium, and Rocky Kansas, former lightweight champion, is employed by the Department of Public Works in the streets division . . . . Chick Johnson, well known trainer and second, is with the city water department.

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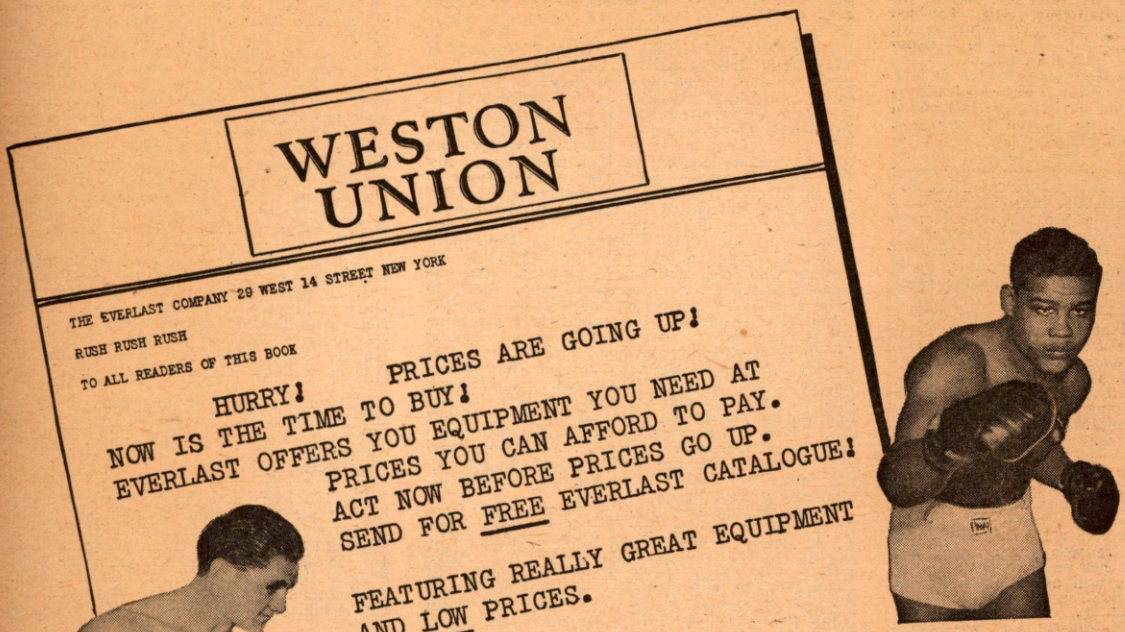

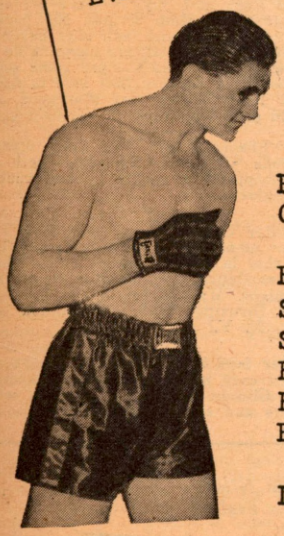

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CLEVELAND CHATTER
By SPARKY RUDOLPH

JACKIE WILSON of Cleveland and Los Angeles, California, proved to his home town Cleveland fans that he is one of the greatest all-around fighters they ever saw. This he showed them when he blasted out a ten-round decision over the rugged, game Sammy Secreet. Wilson boxed his simon-pure bouts out of Cleveland, where his mother and father still live. They sure were tickled to see Jackie.

Wilson's manager, Walter Melrose, wants Fritzie Zivic, Red Cochrane, Sammy Angott and Lew Jenkins, Sugar Robinson or any fighter in the world for his boy. The way Wilson performed here, he will no doubt beat any of those mentioned. The Coast is trying to make a Jackie Wilson-Ceferino Garcia match, which is a cinch to sell out.

Melio Bettina defeated Jimmy Bivins in ten slow rounds. Bivins is now a full-fledged heavyweight. Bettina followed the victory in Pittsburgh with one over Harry Bobo in ten rounds, but got up off the floor to do it.

Maxie Berger had too much experience for Beauford Glover in the other ten-rounder here. He won the nod. Larry Atkins presented a slam-bang show that drew $18,000. Harry Teany suffered his first defeat as a pro when he lost to Billy Murray, a good-looking youngster under the management of Jimmy Grippo. Jackie Adragna won over Willie Cutsinger in five rounds, while Jack Stauffer beat Eddie Williams in the opening five.

Harry Teany subbed at Rochester, New York, on twenty-four hours' notice to pound out a ten-round decision over Tommy Spiegel, one of the first ten in the ratings, regardless of his loss to Murray. He was much too light for his own good. Johnny Papke, who manages Teany, is in the middle because they want his boy in Buffalo and Chicago at the same time.

Joey Maxim stole the show at Ed Bang's Christmas fund show when he outboxed the veteran Red Burman in ten rounds. Maxim had too many left hands for Burman. He received one of the biggest ovations seen here in a long time when he was declared winner. He won going away. His manager, Vic Rebersak, has an offer for a return match with Burman, as well as one with Booker Beckwith at Chicago.

Anton Christoforidis outboxed and outslugged Ceferino Garcia in another one of the tens on Ed Bang's show. It was Anton's first fight under the management of Eddie Mead. Christo is in line to make some real money now that Mead is doing the business. Garcia could not get a good shot with his famous bolo punch, but it was an interesting fight.

Fritzie Zivic was the class of the show, as far as great fighters are concerned. He boxed and toyed with Harry Weekly, and then stopped him in the ninth round.

Johnny Lawer made his pro debut by knocking out Don Blatchford in the third round. Lawer looked bad in the first round but really warmed up going into the second. Joey Pirrone evened the score with K.O. Barrado by winning in a slam-bang six-rounder. Johnny Abbott defeated Henry Claypool in the four-round opener, after being on the canvas in the third round. The show, put on by the Cleveland *News* every Christmas time, drew a gross of $35,000.

The Amateur Boxing Trainers' Association had its annual election with the following results: Mike Carriere, president; Sparky Rudolph, vice-president; Pat Yates, treasurer; Phil Goldstein, secretary; Ollie Downs, welfare director, and Max Niedenbach, sergeant at arms. There is also talk of starting a professional managers' and trainers' association. It is likely that the newspapers will stand behind an organization of this kind.

Golden Gloves time is just around the corner and the gyms are busy day and night. Max Niedenbach and Mickey Kilcher gyms are packed every evening. Johnny Papke's is loaded afternoons and evenings, as is Freddie Rogers' gym. Bryan Downey is also doing a fine business. Jimmy Dunn is back in Cleveland. He handled some of the best fighters in the world, among them Johnny Kilbane, Carl Tremaine, Charley O'Connell, Bryan Downey, Johnny Karr and many others. Send your notes to Sparky Rudolph, 415 Western Reserve Bldg., Cleveland, Ohio.

SOUTHERN OHIO JABS
By J. JIMMIE AMANN

LEONARD BENNETT, flashy Chicago welterweight from the Izzy Kline entourage, halted the 147-pound debut of Hershel Joiner of Cincinnati in their 10-round fight at the Music Hall Arena in Cincinnati on November 3, winning in 10. In the semi-final, Do Do Woods defeated Kid Gibson.

Latest word to reach this department is that Freddie Pope, highly ranked bantamweight ace from Columbus, will shortly make a trip to Honolulu for a series of matches for the island impresario, Sammy Ichnose. Following his easy ten round win over Chiniquito Sanchez of Cuba at Akron, Ohio, Freddie's handlers opened negotiations for the blonde flash to travel to the island.

Some time ago we said Buddy Knox, the Dayton heavyweight, was far from through. Buddy overemphasized this statement for us during the current weeks when on November 25 he held Tony Musto to a draw in New York, and only three weeks later put the skids under Lou Flowers at Hammond, Indiana, in one heat, then beat Frank Poreda in 10 and drew with Tony Musto. You can bet your boots Buddy Knox will be in the 1942 scramble.

AROUND FOUNTAIN SQUARE WITH THE PUNCHERS AND THEIR PILOTS . . . . Eddy Johnson, taking over the late Fred Batsche's stable, is doing plenty okay . . . . headed by Hershel Joiner, Cleveland Brown and Earl Campbell, Johnson is doing business all through the middle west . . . . Johnson is a bustling hustler and bound to make good on the high roads . . . . My fight flashes service which is released twice a month all over the country is making quite a hit . . . . those interested in this service can have same for one dollar per year . . . . Address, Jimmie Amann, 6716 Palmetto St., Cincinnati, Ohio . . . . this address also for fighters of all weights who wish national booking and have no strings attached . . . . managers are asked to write also, so we can place your boys on our lists.

THE RING, one of the nation's best magazine sellers, can be purchased at all of the leading downtown newsstands and hotel lobbies . . . . Bob Capocy, Chicago manager, has a good white heavyweight in Bob Cowan, 215 pounds . . . . Harvey Strieber of Ashtabula, O., will soon turn his ace lightweight, Jimmy Varketta, to the money ranks . . . . he'll be a whiz . . . . Harvey will soon start promotions at Erie, Pa. . . . . Jimmy Murphy, former Louisville featherweight, is now in the forces of Uncle Sam's fighting department, stationed at Fort Bragg, N. C.

Benny Deathpaine, Indiana heavyweight from St. Louis, is looking for action in these parts . . . . Benny is now located in Detroit . . . . he can be booked through this writer . . . . Mike Hirsch, the Ocean Park, Calif., promoter, has another "find" in Billy Latka, young middleweight brother of George Latka . . . . Billy has been going like a house afire in recent starts . . . . Mike Hirsch, it can be said, is one of the biggest producers of talent on the Pacific Coast . . . . and speaking of the western slope, Jackie Wilson, the crackerjack welterweight from that sector, formerly of Cleveland, came back "home" on November 17 to whip Sammy Secreet of Chicago in a bristling tenner . . . . This Jackie is the hottest thing on two feet in his division and you can tab that too in the hats of Jenkins, Angott, Robinson or Zivic . . . . . we're glad to hear that Leonard England, formerly of Cincinnati, now a resident of Los Angeles, has lined up as sports commentator over KHJ in that city . . . . I would like to hear from amateur boxing promoters, matchmakers, trainers and fighters themselves from all over the country . . . . this is important.

Ezzard Charles of Cincinnati defeated Teddy Yarosz, former middle champion, in Cincinnati before a big crowd. Charles is a good fighter.

A weekly show in Cincinnati, even with a small weekly program in a small club will be well attended, and we should have this. There is no reason why this city should be neglected.

Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky, across the river, are both fertile fight fields. Interest is back; money is being earned by the real fight fans. We need a live-wire promoter.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., BOXING NOTES
By SAM PORCELLI

THE Acme Sporting Club opened its pro boxing season with a bang. It was a great show from start to finish and the fans were well satisfied. Matchmaker Jim Collins said that he will run shows every other week and give the fans the kind they want. In the main bout of 10 rounds, Harry Teany of Cleveland won a very close duke over Tommy Spiegal of Uniontown, Pa. The underneath card, with two local boys, stole the show. Hughie Smith lost a very close one to Smokey Robinson of Buffalo. And in the best bout of the night, Nello Nucelli of Rochester won a close duke over Jeff Furrone of Philadelphia, Pa. Collins would like to hear from pro fighters or managers of pro fighters. You can get Collins at 27 Clinton Ave. S. Rochester, N. Y.

Following are the results of the last pro card: Harry Teany, 138, outpointed Tommy Spiegal, 135, 10 rounds; Jimmy Mandell, 160, won over Harvey Massey, New York, 161, six rounds; Nello Nucelli, 137, won over Jeff Furrone, 135½, six rounds; Smokey Robinson, 145, won over Hughie Smith, 147, and Sammy Martin, 138, K.O.'ed Frankie Flynn of Batavia.

The amateurs are packing them in every week and Matchmaker John Burba would like to hear from boxers or clubs that have good amateur teams. You can get Burba at the Elks Club in Rochester, N. Y.

Frankie Rath and Jay Widener are two good looking prospects. Rath weighs 153 pounds and Widener 147 pounds and both boys haven't lost a fight as an amateur. Both are planning on turning pro. These boys will do the pro game some good because both are fighters that love to fight. Joey Paul and Jerry Spalma are also good prospects and should go a long ways in the fight game.

George Sheppard of New York made many new friends while in Rochester with Tommy Spiegal. Sheppard is good copy and has a great gang of fighters.

The writer would like to hear from amateurs or pros, or managers of good fighters. We have a pro club that is running fights every other week and the amateurs are packing them in every Monday night. My address is 103 S. Union St., or Acme Sporting Club, 27 Clinton Ave. S, Rochester, N. Y.

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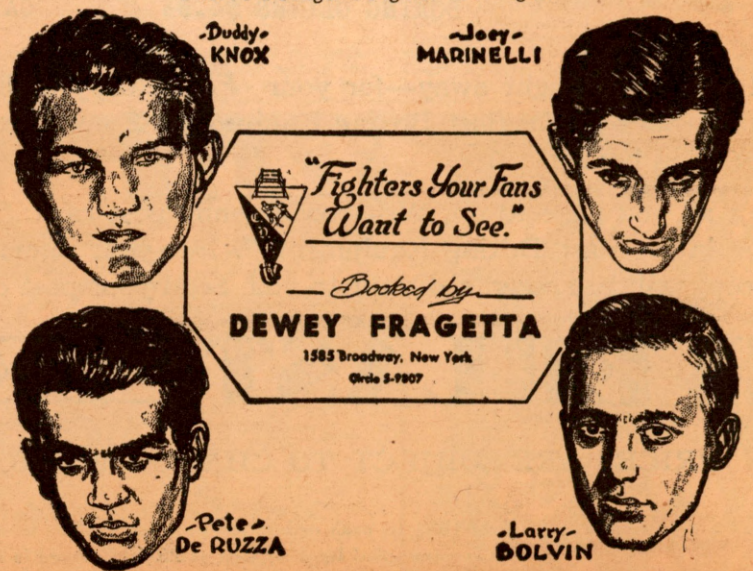

HOLIDAY GREETINGS FROM DEWEY AND ASSOCIATES

KENTUCKY NEWS
By JOE FRENCH

LOUISVILLE is without a boxing promoter as this issue of RING goes to press. Johnson S. Mattingly, head of the Kentucky State Athletic Commission, placed a fine on the local club for staging a bout between fighters with a great difference in their weights. The promoters refused to pay the fine, and as a result had their license suspended.

Before having their license suspended, the Louisville club held two shows during the past month. The first card was a benefit program for the family of Leonard Grace, local colored boxer, who died from injuries received in the Louisville ring last month. The highlight of this show was a pair of exhibition bouts that featured Mike Raffa, the ranking featherweight, boxing three rounds with Bobby Woods of Louisville, and Larry Cisneros, West Coast welter star, doing likewise with Joe Murphy, local boxer. Both Raffa and Cisneros are in the Army stationed at Fort Knox, Ky. The rest of the card was made up of five six-round bouts with the following results: Woody Jones, 162, Terre Haute, Ind., punched through six rounds to a draw with Gib Jones, 164, Cincinnati slugger; Kid Costner, 140, Cincinnati, decisioned Tommy Parker, 138, Lexington, Ky., in a Negro six-rounder; Newsboy Seal, 139, won a six-round decision over Billy Smith 143, both Cincinnati boxers; Lloyd Gibson, 160, Cincinnati, outpointed Jim Polk, 159, Louisville, in a colored bout; in another all-colored bout, Bill Jennings, 145, soldier at Fort Knox, scored a four-round T.K.O. over Don Lewis, 138, Terre Haute, Ind.

Jimmy Grimm, 146, improved local star, appeared in the feature event of the second fight show held in Louisville this past month and made a punching bag out of Chino Lopez, 140, Kansas City Mexican. Grimm won all of the ten rounds and hit Lopez at will. Jimmy gave everything he had in an effort to score a K.O. and dished out a severe beating to the game Mexican, but at the final bell, Lopez was still on his feet, although a badly beaten fighter.

In the ten-round semi-final, Curly Denton, 155, Cincinnati, took down the decision over Woody Jones, 161, lanky Terre Haute veteran. Denton won with his superior boxing ability and cleverness and fought a careful fight which caused the bout to lack thrills as Jones was unable to catch Denton with his round-house swings. In a preliminary, Buster Baker, 135, Terre Haute, outboxed Joe Murphy, 147, Louisville, to win a six-round decision.

Here are the ratings of Kentucky boxers by this writer:

Heavyweight—None.

Light-heavyweights—State Champion Clarence Batsel, Bob Garner, Fuzzy Morganette.

Middleweights—Mack Thompson, Jimmy Davis, Chester Saunders.

Welterweights—Jimmy Grimm, Phil Jones, Junie Welcher.

Lightweights—Wishy Jones, Bobby Woods.

Featherweights—Sonny Brentz, Kenny Barrett.

There is no activity among local boxers in the bantam and flyweight classes.

K.O. Borrado, hard-hitting Mexican lightweight managed by Evelyn Harper, woman fight pilot of Louisville, scored a good win at Chicago on the Bob Pastor-Booker Beckwith card when he halted the winning streak of Joey Pirrone, scoring a K.O. in the third heat of a scheduled eight-rounder. Manager Evelyn Harper informs us she has her Mexican cyclone rematched with Pirrone on December 1st at Cleveland.

Amateur boxers of all weights between the ages of 18 and 19, who have won titles in the many 1942 Golden Gloves tournaments held around the country, should contact the writer if interested in turning pro. Address: Joe French, 1015 10th St., Jeffersonville, Indiana.

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SMOKE RINGS FROM PITTSBURGH
By RAY M. TODD

MOSE BROWN, young light-heavy from McKeesport and a product of Barber Billy Myers, had his hands full in the early rounds of his bout with the veteran Billy Nichy, formerly of Charleroi and now of Buffalo. Nichy fought a very cagy fight in the early rounds and had Brown worried for a while, but Nichy's age crept up on him and showed plenty in the latter rounds. He was on the canvas nine times from the fifth to the end, which came after the eighth round had elapsed and Referee Jack (Buck) McTiernan wisely stopped the affair and awarded Brown a T.K.O. victory. It was scheduled as a ten round top bout at the Palisades Rink in McKeesport. Both boys weighed 174 pounds.

Jimmy McGirr was in the matchmaker's seat. A packed house was on hand for a very good card and plenty of excitement. It was the return of professional boxing to this city after a lapse of two years and was a huge success financially and otherwise.

Zack Robinson, Clairton clouter, stopped Johnny Gumpter in the first round of the semi-final. Gumpter hails from Warren, Ohio, and weighed 147 pounds. Robinson tipped the beam at 150 pounds.

A six-rounder saw Joey Mattis, Charleroi's former Diamond Belt middleweight champion of the open class, return to the ring after being laid up for over a year. Joey dropped a disputed decision to George Clark of Pittsburgh. Both boys weighed 165 pounds. Mattis should have received a draw, but had to be contented with the decision rendered against him. Another six went to Mike Bordick of Kittaning over Mike Gombos of Pittsburgh. Bordick weighed 146 pounds, with the loser coming in at 148 pounds. Billy Garrett of Braddock made his professional debut by outpointing Ted Prichard of Pittsburgh in the opening six-rounder. Garrett weighed 146 pounds and his victim came in at 148 pounds.

Carmen Notch trounced Jackie Adragna in the feature eight-rounder of Jules Beck's weekly card at the Aragon Gardens, downtown. Notch scored a knockdown in the fifth for a count of three. Both boys suffered bruises over the eyes at the end. Notch weighed 147 pounds and Adragna came in two pounds heavier. Red Cregan, of the Conn stable, was given a gift package in Johnny Jones of the Hill in another eight-rounder and took every round from the colored lad. Cregan weighed 145 pounds, and the darky came in at 149 pounds. Charley Daniels, Hill Negro, won his eighth consecutive bout by hanging a T.K.O. on Al Sayre of Chester, W. Va., in the fourth round of a listed eight-rounder. Sayre took a nine count in the third round and suffered a deep gash on the nose at the end. Daniels weighed 141 pounds and Sayre 146 pounds.

The six-round opener saw Charleroi's Henry Smith win his second straight professional encounter by trouncing Fritzie Zivic's neighbor, Leonard Misko of Lawrenceville. Smith scored knockdowns in the second, third and fourth rounds. At 163 pounds, Henry had an advantage of two pounds. The show drew a fair house.

After being bumped around and meeting all of the best in the world and never holding a title for the past 12 years, little Pittsburgh Jackie Wilson really got a shot at a title, and today is the N.B.A. featherweight champion of the world. Jackie gave Richie Lemos, of Los Angeles, Calif., a sound lacing for 12 rounds to capture a unanimous decision. "Good luck to you, Jackie, you are well deserving of the title."

Joe Orsini, who patented a new thumb proof boxing glove, is doing very well with them.

IN HARRISBURG, PA.
By DANNY MYERS

BOXING has been resumed in Harrisburg with Danny Myers at the helm at the newly organized Keystone Boxing Enterprises Club. Though the first show, featuring Andy Tarzan Roy of Williamsport, middleweight, and Harvey Massey of New Orleans, with Roy getting the verdict of Referee Leo Houck and Judges Al Verbecken and Clyde Shue, in a fast and well fought ten-rounder. The bout took place on November 26.

In the semi-final, Deacon Thunderbolt Stewart, 168, knocked out Eddie Finazzo in 1:38 of the first. In a six-rounder, Joey Bellott, a stablemate of Roy, drew with Vince Tumminello. Johnny Ruth, 138, of Middletown, Pa., member of the 2nd Transport Squadron at Olmstead Field, lost a close one to Reggie Gillis, 135, of Hazelton, in six. Clifford Dyes, 145, Philadelphia, knocked out Phil Enjenza, Baltimore, 143, in the fourth.

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MONTANA AND VICINITY
By MEL EPSTEIN

WITH boxing at its lowest ebb throughout the states of Montana, Wyoming, Utah and Idaho, it is more or less difficult to rate the outstanding pugilists of the above covered area. The majority of pugilists who reside in any of the above states have taken up residence elsewhere to ply their trade of sock and duck.

It wasn't so many years ago that Pocatello had its Spud Myers and the Hanna brothers, Jimmy and Johnny Burke, Idaho, boasted of Young Firpo, the great light-heavyweight, and there were the Palouso brothers boxing out of Salt Lake, while Imey Garfinkle and Midget Smith also were turning them away in the Mormon city.

Over in Rawlins, Wyoming, the people were talking about a young Mexican lad named Nobe Cervantes who stood the fans on their feet wherever he performed. And then again we had the Shannon brothers out of Larimee and Heinie Schuman from Cheyenne. Up in Casper, the people were talking about that tough fellow, Eddie Anderson, while in Billings, Montana, they were packing them in to the rafters with Al Webster as the main attraction.

Further west, in the Butte area, Joe Simonich and Dixie LaHood were drawing capacity houses while 160 miles north of Butte, Pete Bross was doing his stuff in that little old town of Great Falls, made famous as the headquarters of Charles Russell, the cowboy artist.

People may wonder what the trouble is in this district. There is only one answer—lack of cooperation on the part of those who should do the utmost in keeping the game alive and managers and promoters who are greedy in so far as developing a prospect over a period of time. Fans: If the Chamber of Commerce in the leading cities in the states mentioned above would attempt to revive the game in their communities, they possibly would do more in creating interest in the people, the advantages of the area and what not than all their goodwill tours could do over the same length of time.

I can remember the times when a packed fight arena meant a packed restaurant, a jump in the sale of gasoline at the corner filling station, a couple more shirts being sold in that haberdashery store and a few more boxes of candy being taken home from the confectionery store for the wife of the gent who went to the fights with the "ole gang."

You business men who are always crying the blues relative as to how bad business is, should get together and pep up your home town by cooperating in seeing that the game is revived instead of being so pessimistic—you are very much to blame for the downfall of a sport which relatively means hundreds of dollars to you. THE RING is doing its share, why can't we in this neck of the woods do ours.

IN TACOMA, WASH.
By HOMER ARMMELSEY

ON November 6th, amateur boxing got under way here in this city. Under the auspices of the Tacoma Boxing Club, an eight-bout program was staged at the Crescent Ball Room. This was the first boxing show of any kind staged in Tacoma in many months. The card was action filled from start to finish, and the fairly large crowd seemed well satisfied.

The outstanding young amateur prospect in the Northwest today is a young 21-year-old heavyweight by the name of Cy Perkins. Perkins chalked up his 22nd straight win on the above program. Cy is a product of the 20th Century A. C. and should, with more experience, make his niche in this noble art of boxing.

Professional boxing is slated to get under way in Tacoma the latter part of this month. Will Maylon, the local fistic promoter, is on the job.

Boris Portnoy, young manager of Tacoma's gymnasium, is helping develop local boxing talent.

IN THE NORTHWEST
By DAVID CAVADAS

THIS month concludes one of the most successful years in recent times of the fight game in the Northwest. The sensational rise of Kenny Lindsay, Harry Matthews and Hal Hoshino, is but a part of the contribution of a successful boxing season.

Kenny Lindsay, Canadian bantamweight champion, received national ranking when he took a 10-round decision from Tony Olivera, California claimant of the world's title. He then went on to fight a bitterly contested draw with Jackie Jurich and score a seventh-round kayo over Johnny Gaudes.

Harry Matthews, George Blake's middleweight, won some good fights in Seattle under the sponsorship of Nate Druxman. His outstanding achievement was in winning a decision over Jimmy Casino, the Los Angeles middleweight.

Hal Hoshino, star Japanese featherweight, also scored some good wins both in the Northwest and in Honolulu where he campaigned very successfully.

The knockout of Chuck Nickason by Eddie Powell, after which fight Nickason lay unconscious in the hospital for two weeks, was another high light of an active season. Nickason finally recovered and announced his retirement from the ring.

Eddie Wenstob supplied a lot of thrills when he scored a three-round knockout over Eddie Powell to avenge Nickason's defeat. However, in his next start, Wenstob lost the call to Al Delaney for the Canadian heavyweight championship, on a Spitfire Fund card, on which Promoter Sid Beech presented one of the grandest cards seen in these parts for a long time. Wenstob also beat Packey Paul.

Johnny Gaudes made a couple of trips to Western Canada and almost beat Kenny Lindsay, as he was ahead on points, until Lindsay connected with a knockout punch in the seventh. Gaudes won a close decision over Jimmy Chapman in a thrilling battle before he fought Lindsay.

FISTIC FOOTNOTES—Joe Townsend and Chris McArdle each put on an entertaining exhibition in a recent army tournament . . . . Both these boys were former "greats" around the Pacific Coast . . . . Sid Beech is staging some great cards for Vancouver fight fans . . . . Sid is the "Tex Rickard of the West" around here . . . . Here's wishing everyone a prosperous 1942.

NEWS OF TEXAS RINGS
By BILL DAVEE

THIS is the season of the year when we correspondents always have to stick our necks out and attempt to give our version of just how the state's various fighters should rate. This scribe's selections are limited strictly to those who have been campaigning in Texas and do not include the scores of worthy representatives of the Lone Star state whose fisticuffs is at present being done elsewhere.

This correspondent cannot concur with the commission's ruling that Mike Delia is the Texas lightweight champion, inasmuch as Delia is not a resident of the state and neither does his record in Texas entitle him to such recognition, hence the absence of his name in the ratings. It will be remembered that a few months back when the commission handed out its official rating of Texas boxers, it listed some half dozen lightweights, headed by Punchin' Paul Altman and followed by the names of Joe Robinson, Mustang Garcia, Manuel Azteca, Wesley Pryor, Joe Passante and Joe Mendoza.

Delia's only win over that group was gained over Mustang Garcia. His other two Texas victories were scored at the expense of Wishy Jones, a Kentucky boy, and Felix Montalvo, whom the commission failed to even rate. Altman, Azteca, Passante and Pryor all have not been defeated or eliminated from the ranks and it is extremely difficult to see how a California boxer can come into Texas and lay claim to an official title without first eliminating these boys, or at least the head man of the brigade, Altman. For the sake of the sport, how about an elimination tournament to produce a REAL champion that will be accepted by the paying public, which is far too smart to go for the "synthetic champs?"

Three clubs are now operating in Texas. They are Galveston, El Paso and Odessa. Another, at Houston, will probably be going by the time this appears in print. Promoters at San Antonio are also toying with the idea of starting shows in the Alamo City. Corpus Christi will resume shows this month and with the influx of talent to the many army camps, it looks like 1942 will be a banner year for boxing hereabouts.

HERE 'N' THERE—Jimmy Ferren, Brownwood welter, and Walter Curry made a big hit in slugging to a draw at Galveston . . . . Mike Delia made it two in a row over Mustang Garcia, taking a 15-round decision . . . . Battling Monroe won over Reecy Davis in 10; Leon Foucart trimmed Bobby Clark; Ruben Guzman and Jack Brown drew . . . . Punchin' Paul Altman, undefeated Houston knockout artist and Manuel Azteca, hard hitting lightweights, returned from a very successful trip to the West Coast.

Joe Passante is also back from a five-bout, all-victorious campaign in Chicago and Cleveland. Passante has a lot of class and now that he appears to be taking the game seriously, may live up to the promise that he has shown in the past . . . . The appointment of Albert Reese, sports editor of the Galveston *News* as Galveston's new boxing judge is a highly commendable move on the part of the commission. Reese is one of boxing's very best friends . . . . The writer wishes to sincerely thank the members of Los Angeles' fistic fraternity for the many favors during our recent visit there . . . . Our address: 1133 West Bell Ave., Houston, Texas.

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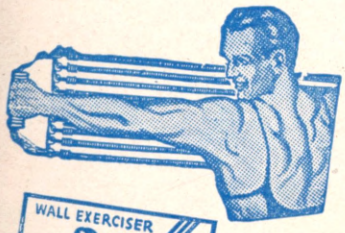

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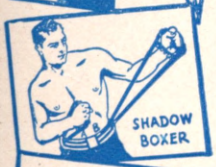

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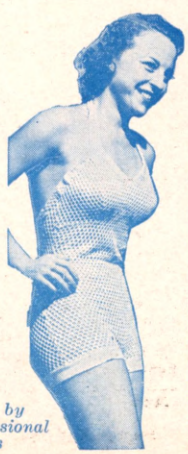

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